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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB 508

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 16, 2011

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 508 amends the Sexual Predator Residency Restriction Act to allow political subdivisions to adopt regulations to restrict sexual predators from living within five hundred feet from a park.

Under current law, the Sexual Predator Residency Restriction Act allows political subdivisions to adopt regulations to restrict sexual predators from living within five hundred feet from a school or a child care facility. LB 508 would extend that authority to restrict residency near parks.

The restriction would not apply if the sexual predator had established a residence before the effective date of this act and has not moved from that residence; or established a residence after the effective date of this act and the park triggering the restriction was established after the initial date of the sexual predator's residence at that location. The restriction does not apply to a sexual predator who resides within a prison or a correctional or treatment facility operated by the state or a political subdivision.

As with the current law, LB 508 provides that any restriction prescribing where sex offenders may reside that does not meet the requirements of this subsection is void, regardless of whether such ordinance, resolution, or legal restriction was adopted prior to, on, or after the effective date of this act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dave Bloomfield