## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB828

Hearing Date: Thursday January 23, 2014

Committee On: Judiciary Introducer: Seiler

One Liner: Authorize court acceptance of certain criminal waivers and pleas

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

**Vote Results:** 

Aye: 8 Senators Ashford, Lathrop, Chambers, Christensen, Coash, Davis,

McGill, Seiler

Nay: Absent:

**Present Not Voting:** 

Proponents:Representing:SEN. LES SEILERINTRODUCERDENISE FROSTNCDAA

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Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1 amends section 29-4201, to clarify the purpose of sections 29-4201 to 29-4207, regarding the usage of audiovisual court appearances in criminal proceedings.

Section 2 amends section 29-4206, to allow the county courts and district courts to accept a written waiver of preliminary hearing and a written waiver of arraignment and plea of not guilty from any defendant. Currently, section 29-4206 only covers the district courts, and only allows for a written waiver of arraignment and not guilty pleas.

This section also describes the forms to be used for waiver of a defendant's right to a physical appearance in court.

Section 3 repeals the original sections 29-4201 and 29-4206.

## **Explanation of amendments:**

AM1722 to LB828 provides the form to be used for a written waiver of preliminary hearing.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson