

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB25

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 25, 2015
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Change court jurisdiction relating to 17 year olds and young adults

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams
Nay:
Absent: 1 Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
SEN. BOB KRIST
DENNIS MARKS

BRIDGET HUGGINS
KARA LEGROW
JULIET SUMMERS

Opponents:
SHAKIL MALIK

Neutral:
MELANIE WILLIAMS-SMOTHERMAN

Representing:
INTRODUCER
NEBRASKA CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS
ASSOCIATION
SELF
SELF
VOICES FOR CHILDREN

Representing:
NEBRASKA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

Representing:
FAMILY ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Sections 1 and 3 of LB25 would clarify that the juvenile court has concurrent original jurisdiction until January 1, 2017 with the county or district court as to a juvenile alleged to have committed a misdemeanor. LB25 does not change the existing law that the juvenile court will have exclusive original jurisdiction over these cases beginning January 1, 2017.

Section 2 would define a "young adult" as an individual older than eighteen but under twenty-one years of age. Section 4 would extend the juvenile court's jurisdiction to young adults alleged to have committed a criminal or status offense that were eighteen years of age or younger at the time the offense was committed. The young adult must consent to the court's extended jurisdiction for the purposes of continuing services or treatment. The court's jurisdiction may be extended up to six months at a time and the treatment and services to be provided must be specified by court order.

Explanation of amendments:

AM605 would require the juvenile court to initiate proceedings to seal its records upon termination of its jurisdiction.
