

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB556

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 08, 2017

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

LB556 makes several amendments regarding criminal possession of firearms intended to curb gang activity, ensure public safety, and harmonize related statutes. The bill creates two new felony crimes: use of a facsimile or non-functioning firearm to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender. LB556 also allows possession of a firearm by duly authorized law enforcement officers on school grounds whether or not such officer is on duty. Lastly the bill expands the “drive-by shooting” statute to apply across the state.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Halloran