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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB160

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2017

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

LB 160 would add three categories of criminal offenses to those currently in Sec. 28-119. They are third degree assault, when the victim is an intimate partner; third degree sexual assault; and domestic assault. This section of law correlates with Sec. 81-1848 to give victims of the listed crimes the right to be informed and notified about the various steps in the criminal proceedings against the perpetrators. The new categories of crime, that would be added to those already listed, have similar elements of the crimes described, and similar harms suffered by victims.

On page 2, lines 12-25, LB 160 would also rearrange, in numerical order, references to statutory subsections that pertain to at least 10 different crimes. This reorganization would make it easier for prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges to follow when they work with this law.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John McCollister