

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB85

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 18, 2017

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

The purpose of LB85 is to allow the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission the ability to collect outstanding fines that may have been avoided or purposely not paid by a public servant or potential public servant, while providing easy access to information on fines to those involved with the processing of candidate filings.

Elected officials salaries are paid by the public. These jobs place said officials in a position of public trust and should be held to a higher standard than others. Officials are frequently called upon to reflect their personal values and ethics while serving the public or are considering potentially running for public office.

It is the job of the Legislature to support these goals of good governance by providing ongoing re-evaluation of policies that may act as a hurdle in our ultimate goal of accountability. When we address issues such as non-payment of NADC fines, we continue to foster an ethical, moral culture that also expresses that certain behaviors have consequences.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Carol Blood