



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 932

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 7, 2008

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

LB 932 creates the Aging Prison Population Task Force for the purpose of gaining an enhanced understanding of the characteristics of prisoners in Nebraska over the age of fifty years old, prisoners aging while serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole, and prisoners who will be released from prison in the future after a completed sentence or for medical parole. The formation of this Task Force comes in response to the dramatic increase in correctional facilities across the United States of persons above fifty years of age and the needs associated with incarcerating older inmates.

As introduced, the Task Force would consist of sixteen members and would be charged with developing recommendations concerning methods of addressing the needs of inmates over the age of fifty serving a life sentence, returning inmates over the age of fifty to the general public after his or her prison term concludes, and identifying the necessity and objective of future studies concerning the handling of older prisoners. The Task Force would further be directed to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature detailing policy changes developed to better handle issues associated with incarcerating older inmates.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Brad Ashford