

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1108

Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2016

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

Civil forfeitures provide an important law enforcement tool to interrupt criminal activities, but the current statutory framework has no transparency regarding how forfeitures are being used by state and local entities. A significant amount of funds seized in Nebraska are forfeited through the federal court system, while some are filed in the state court system.

LB 1108 will ensure that regardless of where the legal action is filed, the circumstances of each forfeiture are reported to permit a greater understanding of this source of revenue and how law enforcement agencies use any proceeds collected through the forfeiture process. The reported information will be collected by the Auditor of Public Accounts for annual reporting to the legislature.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tommy Garrett