

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB675**

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**Chairman: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 20, 2016**

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

Over twenty years of national research tells us that placement in a locked detention center increases the odds that youth will be found delinquent and committed to correctional facilities, and can seriously damage a child's prospects for future success in education and employment. Secure confinement should only be used as a last resort emergency measure, when a child presents a significant risk of harm to the community or a significant risk to flee the jurisdiction and avoid court processes. LB 675 will align and harmonize state law with national best practice standards by ensuring youth who pose little or no threat to public safety do not experience the damaging effects of confinement.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Bob Krist, District 10**