

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB966

Chairman: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 19, 2016

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

Legislative Bill 966 would require that refugee resettlement agencies in Nebraska provide proof of financial responsibility, up to \$25 million, for any criminal acts of refugees that they receive from a high-risk country within a five year period.

It provides a civil cause of action for the state and its political subdivisions, along with any victims, if a refugee resettled in Nebraska commits a terrorist or criminal act.

The bill would give the Department of Insurance the regulatory authority to confirm the proof of financial responsibility by the resettlement agency and any noncompliance with the statute.

It is the intent of LB 966, that it would cause any resettlement agency to pause and consider whether they want to expose themselves to this risk when evaluating a refugee from a high-risk country. Because of this, it would potentially reduce the risk of an Islamic jihadist getting placed in Nebraska under the guise of a refugee in the federal resettlement program.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bill Kintner