

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB745**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 31, 2020  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Blood  
**One Liner:** Provide duties for law enforcement and prosecutors regarding federal immigration forms relating to victims of certain crimes

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Carol Blood  
Carly Beusch  
Kelsey Waldron  
Timothy Noerrlinger  
Tom Venzor  
Rose Godinez

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence  
The Women's Fund of Omaha  
Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
ACLU of Nebraska

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Federal immigration law provides specific immigration benefits or visas for victims of certain crimes. A "U visa" is set aside for victims of specific crimes who have suffered abuse and are helpful to law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity. Federal law also provides for "T nonimmigrant status" ("T visa") for victims of human trafficking.

An application for one of these immigration statuses requires submission of a form from a law enforcement agency or official as evidence of eligibility.

LB745 would require a law enforcement agency to complete the requested form or provide reasons why the agency cannot complete the form within 90 days.

Subsection (1) contains definitions and references to the relevant forms and terminology.

Subsection (2) contains the requirements for a request for a Form I-914B, which is necessary for a T visa.

Subsection (3) contains the requirements for a request for a Form I-918B, which is necessary for a U visa.

Subsection (7) would require law enforcement agencies to maintain a record of requests for such forms and whether such requests were granted or denied.

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson