Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB114

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 06, 2019

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

The purpose of LB 114 is to amend 83-1,107 in order to define an “event” and also limit the Director and/or any employees, of the Nebraska Department Correctional Services from forcing forfeiture of more than 2 years of good time from offenders as a result of an “event.”

The bill will discontinue the practice by the Director, Chief Executive Officers, and Institutional Hearing Officers from stacking charges and misconduct reports resulting in the forfeiture of more than two years good time from any offender(s) involved in an assault as defined in the Administrative Procedure Act, Title 68 Nebraska Administrative Code.

For example, if an inmate is found guilty of an assault from swinging a chain that resulted in hitting multiple staff members during the escort, the maximum good time forfeiture for the “event” shall be two years. Any loss of good time resulting from the assault can also be restored by the Director and/or Chief Executive Officer.

Principal Introducer: ________________________________

Senator Carol Blood