Legislature - First Session - 2019
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB141

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: January 23, 2019

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

LB 141 is intended to create a statutory recognition that suffocation and strangulation are similar forms of assault. Current statutes treat suffocation as a third-degree domestic assault or third-degree assault (both misdemeanors as a first offense); and treat strangulation as a felony. By including suffocation in the statute for assault by strangulation, penalties are appropriately matched for two very similar crimes (can be charged as felony).

Principal Introducer: ________________________________

Senator Wendy DeBoer