

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB354

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2019

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

LB354 modifies current automatic sealing provisions to allow for immediate sealing upon satisfactory completion of probation in juvenile court or satisfactory completion of the diversion or sentence ordered by a county, rather than waiting until the minor reaches the age of 17. If the record is not sealed, the juvenile or the juvenile's parents or guardian may file a motion to seal when the juvenile reaches the ages of majority or six months have passed since the case was closed, whichever occurs sooner. LB354 also sets forth the process for a youth to request such sealing and factors for the court to consider.

Additionally, LB354 allows the State Court Administrator to permit viewing of sealed records for bona fide research and changes the penalty for noncompliance from contempt of court to a Class V misdemeanor, among other provisions.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks