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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB969

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 23, 2020

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

Under current law, recorded interviews of child victims or witnesses in which the children allege or describe sexual assaults or similar acts are subject to special protection and are only released or provided to limited officials or individuals.

Section 29-1926 provides that criminal defendants to such sexual assaults may petition the district court for an order releasing a copy of such a "videotape" recording of the interview to the defendant. LB 969 would provide that a defendant may petition the district court for a copy of the video recording to the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or an agent of the defendant's attorney.

LB 969 further provides that after obtaining a copy of such video recording, the defendant or their attorney may transcribe or replicate the recording for purposes of review or inspection by the defendant, an expert or consultant acting on behalf of the defendant, or for any purpose necessary for defense of the defendant.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Justin Wayne