

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB500

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 17, 2021
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Geist
One Liner: Provide for venue for prosecution of certain offenses when committed using an electronic communication device

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Geist, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Suzanne Geist
George Welch

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Attorney General & Nebraska County Attorneys Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Spike Eickholt

Representing:
Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB500 would add a provision to several criminal statutes that clarifies that venue is appropriate in the county where an electronic communication is sent or received.

Section 1 would amend Sec. 28-311.01, which contains the offense of terroristic threats.

Section 2 would amend Sec. 28-311.02, which is related to the offense of stalking.

Section 3 would amend Sec. 28-320.02, which contains the offense of child enticement.

Section 4 would amend Sec. 28-919, which contains the offenses of witness, informant, and jury tampering.

Explanation of amendments:

AM528

AM528 would replace the original bill. The amendment contains a new section that would apply when an electronic communication device is used to commit an element of any offense.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson