

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1276

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2022

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

This bill acknowledges the insular culture of police departments, resistance to change in police accountability, and the broad legal protections granted to police officers. This bill outlines the rights of citizens to bring civil tort claims against law enforcement. The intended effect of this bill is to encourage transparency and accountability in community policing.

This bill provides for civil actions against law enforcement officers who commit misconduct and exempts such actions from the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act. The intent is to allow for civil action against those who have committed police conduct, law violations, infractions and to provide accountability for failure to prevent, stop and discourage such conduct.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney