

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB481

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 19, 2021

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

This bill acknowledges that the criminalization of marijuana has been a key driver of mass criminalization and has greatly, and disproportionately, impacted minority communities.

The Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act intends to decriminalize cases concerning marijuana. Additionally, it intends to change provisions relating to penalties for possession of a synthetic cannabinoid and drug paraphernalia. This bill also intends to clean the records of individuals who have acquired possessory convictions including both simple "possession" and "possession with intent."

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney