

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB220

Hearing Date: Friday February 10, 2023
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Ibach
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the Board of Pardons' powers and duties and required notices to crime victims

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Bosn, DeBoer, DeKay, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Teresa Ibach
Jody Snogren
Beth Linn

Representing:

District 44
Self
What About Us Rally Group

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 81-1850 requires the Board of Pardons to notify victims of pardon or commutation hearings and decisions. Section 1 of LB220 would amend § 81-1850 to require the notice to be by certified mail. This section would require the notice to be given 90 days before hearings and within 10 days of granting a pardon or commutation.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment replaces the original bill.

Section 1 would amend § 29-2261 to require the Department of Correctional Services to provide a copy of an offender's presentence investigation to the Board of Parole, Division of Parole Supervision, or Board of Pardons upon request.

Section 2 would amend § 81-1850 to require a county attorney to provide the name and address of any victim of a

person convicted of a felony to the Board of Parole, Department of Correctional Services, the county corrections agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Board of Pardons. This section would also be amended to require the Board of Pardons to provide notice to victims of certain offenses via certified mail at least thirty days prior to a hearing and within ten days of granting a pardon or commutation.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson