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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB159

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 12, 2025

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

Section 29-2260 directs that courts are to consider certain statutory factors when imposing sentence on a person who has been found guilty of a crime. The listed factors are not exhaustive but they do provide some directives for courts to consider when determining an appropriate sentence, after weighing aggravating and mitigating facts.

LB159 would provide that courts are to consider a defendant's status as a current or prior survivor of sex trafficking or domestic violence or abuse, as defined by Nebraska law, as a mitigating factor when deciding what sentence to impose.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dunixi Guereca