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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB416

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 27, 2025

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

The Nebraska Supreme Court held in *Tadros v. City of Omaha* that when multiple defendants are jointly and severally liable, the joint and several liability is destroyed when settling with and releasing one or more co-defendants leaves only one defendant liable.

LB416 reverses this decision by clarifying that a release, covenant not to sue or similar agreement entered into by a claimant and a person liable does not abrogate the joint and several liability of remaining persons liable.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator George Dungan