

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB816

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

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

LB816 establishes confidentiality and privilege protections for communications between certified peer support team members and public safety personnel who seek their assistance. The bill addresses a critical barrier to mental health support by ensuring that conversations with peer support team members, colleagues specially trained to provide emotional support, cannot be disclosed in legal, administrative, or disciplinary proceedings. By protecting these communications while maintaining necessary exceptions for mandatory reporting and public safety concerns, LB816 will encourage first responders to seek help for the traumatic stress inherent in their professions, ultimately improving workforce wellness, retention, and the quality of public safety services across Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tanya Storer