

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB203

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2011

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

To remove life imprisonment for youth who are convicted of a Class I felony. This allows the court to take into consideration the lack of maturity, age, physical, and mental condition of those youth under the age of eighteen.

Youth who are at least sixteen years of age and under eighteen years of age at the time the crime is committed would be sentenced to fifty years. Youth under the age of sixteen who commit a Class I felony crime would be sentenced to forty years.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Brenda Council