

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB689

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 10, 2011

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

The intent of Legislative Bill 689 is to strengthen Nebraska's human trafficking laws, and include new protections for human trafficking victims.

The bill would amend the definitions of "commercial sexual activity" and "forced labor or services" in section 28-830.

In addition, LB 689 would add two new sections to our human trafficking statutes. The first new section would allow an affirmative defense that the defendant was also a victim of a crime that is a violation of section 28-831, and committed the crime under threat or compulsion, and the defendant's belief was reasonable under the circumstances. This new section would also require restitution to the victim in addition to any penalties.

The second new section would expressly provide new protection to human trafficking victims.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Christensen