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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2013

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

LB 44 was introduced to bring Nebraska into compliance with the 2012 US Supreme Court ruling of Miller v. Alabama, which prohibited as a violation of the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the sentencing of juveniles to a mandatory sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

LB 44 would add a minimum term of \underline{xxx} years so that a minimum and maximum range will exist and a mandatory life without parole sentence will not be the only sentencing option.

Principal Introducer: _	
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Senator Brad Ashford