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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 09, 2017

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

LB516 amends reporting requirements in statute for juvenile facilities related to room confinement. This bill requires juvenile facilities to redact all personal identifying information, but provide individual, not aggregate, data. Individual data will allow the Nebraska Legislature to provide better oversight of juvenile facilities as it relates to use of solitary confinement.

The bill further establishes that any person who intentionally and knowingly fails to comply with the reporting requirements shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor. This penalty will create incentives for juvenile facilities to comply with reporting requirements.

Principal Introducer:	
	Senator Patty Pansing Brooks