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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB811

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 21, 2018

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

LB811 makes important updates to Nebraska law to reflect new payment card technology. Changes are needed because payment card readers in the United States are transitioning away from magnetic strips and stripes and towards computer chips.

The proposed legislation also makes it a crime to possess a scanning device or encoding machine with the intent to use in a manner without proper authorization from the authorized user of the payment card, the issuer of the authorized user's payment card or a merchant. This legislation is similar to the anti-skimming laws in the 19 states that criminalize possession of such devices with an intent to defraud or commit a crime.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Brett Lindstrom