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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB857

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 16, 2018

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

LB 857 requires that the respective governing boards of the University of Nebraska, Nebraska State Colleges and community colleges develop and adopt policies that provide for confidential advisors to whom students can report sexually-oriented criminal offenses in a confidential and safe environment. The bill outlines the necessary items to be included in such policy and also provides that a campus with fewer than five thousand students can partner with another organization to provide services outlined in this act.

LB 857 also requires that each governing board adopt an amnesty policy for students who in good faith make reports of sexual violence to the institution. The policy shall provide that such a student shall not be sanctioned by the institution for any nonviolent student conduct violations, such as underage drinking, that are revealed in the course of making or investigating such a report.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Adam Morfeld