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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 24, 2020

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

LB 968 would amend provisions of the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act that relate to procedures followed by the Board of Pardons. The bill would require the Board to hold hearings on applications for pardons at least every ninety days; require a hearing on an application at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the filing; prohibit combining of unrelated applications at the same hearing; allow petitions in cases of drivers license revocations of fifteen years or more to be considered with or without a hearing; allow hearings to be conducted informally; require a record of all hearings; require the Board to make annual reports to the Legislature outlining pardons granted and considered in the preceding year; require individual consideration of each application to the Board; and require written decisions describing the relief requested, the facts considered and the decision rendered by the Board.

Principal Introducer:	
-	Senator John McCollister