

# **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB1270**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2022**

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

LB 1270 adopts the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act.

Currently, there is a decrease in new recruits entering into the law enforcement profession, while at the same time more law enforcement officers are leaving their jobs. This bill seeks to address these trends.

LB 1270 would require the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council to setup a two tier grant program to provide incentive payments to law enforcement officers for the purpose of attraction and retention. Tier 1 would provide a \$1000 incentive payment to an officer who has been employed for one year on or after the effective date of the act. Tier 2 would provide a \$2000 incentive payment to an officer who has been employed for five years on or after the effective date of the act.

In addition, a law enforcement agency would be eligible to receive funds for officer bonuses if the agency is below council recommended staffing levels, or the agency experiences a 20 percent loss of officers during the previous fiscal year, or 33 percent loss of officers during the previous three fiscal years.

It is the bill's intent to appropriate an annual \$10 million to carry out this act.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Robert Clements**