## **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

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

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop** 

**Committee: Judiciary** 

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2021

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

LB33 establishes that a minimum term not exceed one-third of the maximum term for sentencing of certain Class felonies, unless a mandatory minimum sentence is required by statute.

This change will have the practical effect of allowing offenders to become parole-eligible sooner, alleviating the overcrowding crisis in Nebraska's prisons.

Principal Introducer:	
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