

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

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

### **LB51**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 03, 2021**

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

LB51 seeks to improve standards of policing statewide, especially regarding the use of force, thereby improving public safety and the effectiveness of law enforcement. It does this by increasing standards relating to the certification of law enforcement officers, streamlining the certification process, requiring psychological evaluation for certification, requiring training in de-escalation techniques, requiring accreditation of law enforcement agencies, prohibiting chokeholds, and requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt policies relating to the use of excessive force and the duty to intervene.

Furthermore, this bill requires all officers acting in the field to be certified, doing away with reserve force and conditional employment status. It also makes it easier to address officer misconduct by clarifying the definition of serious misconduct.

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

**Senator Steve Lathrop**