

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB882

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2022

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

This bill acknowledges the insular culture of police departments, resistance to change in police accountability, and the broad legal protections granted to police officers. This bill will require law enforcement agencies to retain records regarding officer discipline, including officer names, and create a publicly accessible data base of law enforcement officer misconduct. The intended effect of this bill is to encourage transparency and accountability in community policing.

In addition, this bill will require the disclosure of any disciplinary action touching on an officer's ethics, integrity, or honesty to defense attorneys so that judges may make informed preliminary determinations regarding credibility of state witnesses.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney