

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB557**

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**Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 27, 2023**

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

LB557 would amend Nebraska statutes relating to restrictive housing and solitary confinement in the state's prisons. Specifically, LB557 would modify the current definition of solitary confinement to mean confinement of an inmate for at least twenty-two hours per day in an individual prison cell and the cell deprives the inmate of all visual and auditory contact with other persons; has reduced or no natural light; involves a restriction or deprivation of reading material, visitation, or group activities. LB 557 also provides that no inmate shall be held in restrictive housing for more than fifteen consecutive days.

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

**Senator Tony Vargas**