

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB885**

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**Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 25, 2016**

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

LB885 provides that student journalists who are attending the University of Nebraska, a Nebraska state college, or a Nebraska community college, and who are participating in the creation of content for school-sponsored media, have the same right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press as their professional counterparts. This freedom of speech and of the press does not include slanderous or libelous material, unwarranted privacy invasion, unlawful material, or material that incites unlawful behavior or behavior that violates institutional policies, resulting in disruption of the institution's operation.

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

Senator Al Davis