

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB978

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 21, 2024
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: DeBoer
One Liner: Provide for adoption by a second adult person and change provisions relating to adoptions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Bosn, DeBoer, DeKay, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Wendy DeBoer
Shilo Jorgensen
Landon Jorgensen
Grant Friedman

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Self
Self
American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska

Opponents:

Marion Miner
Leonard Stohlmann

Representing:

Nebraska Catholic Conference
Self

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1: Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-101 to allow for the adoption of a minor child who has only one legal parent to be adopted by a second adult if certain circumstances are met. Also allows for the adoption of an adult child by the spouse of their parent if certain circumstances are met. Married individuals are prohibited from adopting unless each spouse joins in the petition for adoption. Adoption is not permitted under this Section if it would result in more than two legal parents.

Section 2: Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-101.01 to add a definition for "sole legal parent."

Section 3: Makes harmonizing changes to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-102.



Section 4: Makes harmonizing changes to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-104.

Section 5: Makes harmonizing changes to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-104.08.

Section 6: Makes harmonizing changes to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-104.13.

Section 7: Makes harmonizing changes to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-104.15.

Section 8: Removes obsolete language from Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-107. Also allows a court to forgo an adoptive home study under certain circumstances.

Section 9: Repeals original sections.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson

