



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 437**

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**Chairperson:** Patrick J. Bourne  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 10, 2005

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

Legislative Bill 437, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act, would ban only the cloning of *humans* by somatic cell nuclear transfer in Nebraska.

Somatic cell nuclear transfer is the name of the process by which clones are created. The result of the human cloning process is a new human being at its earliest stage of development, an embryo. LB 437 would prohibit this process of creating human embryos.

LB 437 does *not* prohibit any scientific research not specifically prohibited by the act, including the cloning of plants and animals, or cells other than human embryos. It would specifically be unlawful to knowingly perform human cloning. In addition, it would be unlawful to deliver or receive any embryo or fetus, produced via human cloning, for the purpose of research.

Violation of the Human Cloning Prohibition Act would be a Class IV felony.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Adrian M. Smith**