

LB132 Bill Overview

Bill History

Introduced by: Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

Heard by: Health and Human Services Committee

Summary

LB132 would prohibit operators or owners of an indoor tanning facility from serving anyone under the age of eighteen.

Talking Points

For

- Just as tobacco use has been shown to cause lung cancer, indoor tanning has been shown to cause melanoma. Minors cannot buy tobacco now, and lung cancer rates are going down, showing that government action can save lives.
- Tanning is a skin defense triggered by DNA injury. Skin cells try to shield their DNA from still more injury. Ultraviolet radiation damaged DNA causes both tanning and cancer.
- According to the recent Skin Health Study of over 1,100 melanoma patients, tanning indoors increased melanoma 74 percent; the higher the device output, the greater the risk.

Against

- The World Health Organization has said that epidemiologic studies give no consistent evidence that use of indoor tanning facilities, in general, is associated with the development of melanoma skin cancer.
 - There are 1.5 million people who go to tanning salons to treat cosmetic skin conditions informally because it is about one-twentieth the cost of using phototherapy in a dermatologist's office.
 - The indoor tanning industry has many safeguards already in place to prevent sunburn and encourage safe tanning practices.
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Further Research

Nebraska Legislature: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/>

Unicameral Update: <http://update.legislature.ne.gov/>

Health and Human Services Committee: <http://news.legislature.ne.gov/hea/>

Committee Statement: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/CS/LB132.pdf>

