

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB124

Hearing Date: Thursday January 20, 2011
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Provide for cultural history information in adoption records

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Ashford, Coash, Council, Harr, Lathrop, Larson, Lautenbaugh, McGill
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:	Representing:
SEN. BILL AVERY	INTRODUCER
ERIC DELANEY	SELF
THOMAS MAUL	NE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
JUDY GAIASHKIBOS	SELF

Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 124 would require additional information be provided to the court with a petition for adoption. The bill would require the race, ethnicity, nationality, Indian tribe or other cultural history of both biological parents to be included, if available, in the complete medical history of the child, which is required under current law.

The bill would also change the definition of medical history to include race, ethnicity, nationality, Indian tribe or other cultural history of both biological parents, if available.

Explanation of amendments:

Committee Amendment AM 1037 would add language to ensure that inclusion of the additional information in the complete medical history be done in compliance with the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act when applicable.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson