

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB47**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 29, 2021  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Hansen, M.  
**One Liner:** Change procedures relating to obligees in child support proceedings

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Slama
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Geist

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**Oral Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Matt Hansen Leigha Sopiak	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer self
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Katie Zulkoski	<b>Representing:</b> Nebraska County Attorneys Association
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 47 proposes that any child support (including medical support) orders or modifications contain a statement that the obligee (person owed) may file an application for an Order to Show Cause if the support is delinquent and explains the effect of the Order to Show Cause. The measure also requires any support obligor or obligee to be joined as a party in interest when a county attorney or other authorized attorney brings or intervenes in an action to establish paternity or securing or modifying child or medical support.

**Section by section**

Section 1 Amends Sec. 43-369 with a new subsection (3) to require a statement on child and medical support orders or decrees to provide information about an Application to Show Cause if an obligor is delinquent on payments. The new

subsection also contains language ((3)(b)) that there are other methods of collection under law and the obligee may request assistance from the Nebraska Child Support Payment Center.

Section 2 Amends Sec. 43-512.03 by adding a new subsection (5) that provides known obligors or obligees must be joined as a party in interest when a county attorney or other authorized attorney brings or intervenes in an action to establish paternity or securing or modifying child or medical support.

Section 3 Repeals original sections

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**Explanation of amendments:**

Committee amendment AM64 strikes language allowing a person owed child support to request assistance from the Nebraska Child Support Payment Center that was included in the original bill. The amendment also removes language that requires a child support obligee to be joined in an action by the county attorney and instead adds language that an obligee who is a legal parent "may" be joined.

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson