

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB11**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 10, 2023  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Blood  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to domestic abuse protection orders

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Blood, DeBoer, DeKay, Geist, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Carol Blood  
Erin Feichtinger  
Teshawna Sawyer  
Breanne Crow  
Jennifer Richey  
Sam Franklin  
Natalie Roberts-Day  
Nancy Hintz  
Stefanie Pearlman  
Melanie Kirk

**Representing:**

District 03  
Women's Fund of Omaha  
Willow Rising  
Self  
Self  
Shelter Me Nebraska  
Voices of Hope  
Nebraska Humane Society  
Self  
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Tim Hruza

**Representing:**

Nebraska State Bar Association

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

Section 2 would amend § 42-924 to provide additional authority for a court issuing a domestic violence protection order to direct the care or enjoin contact with a household pet.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

This amendment replaces the original bill.

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Section 1 is unchanged.

In AM482, section 2 would amend § 42-924 to provide for the “sole possession” of a household pet instead of “directing the care, custody, or control” of the pet. The amended version would add the authority for a court to enjoin a respondent from coming into contact, harming, or killing a pet owned by the respondent. The amendment would also add language to clarify that possession under the protection order only lasts for the duration of the order and the order does not give petitioner the authority to transfer, sell, or dispose of the pet, except for humane euthanasia recommended by a licensed veterinarian.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson