

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB908**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 18, 2026  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Storm  
**One Liner:** Require courts to consider certain research in determining the best interests of the child under the Parenting Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

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| <b>Aye:</b>                | 7 | Senators Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, McKinney, Rountree, Storer, Storm |
| <b>Nay:</b>                |   |   |
| <b>Absent:</b>             |   |   |
| <b>Present Not Voting:</b> | 1 | Senator Holdcroft   |

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Jared Storm  
Adam Roberts  
Nolan Gurnsey  
Allissa Gurnsey  
Scott Thomas

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Dads for Equal Parenting Rights  
Self  
Self  
Village in Progress; U.S. Institute of Diplomacy & Human Rights

**Opponents:**

Melanie Kirk

**Representing:**

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB 908 amends Nebraska's Parenting Act to require a court, when determining custody and parenting arrangements, to consider credible research showing increased intellectual and social growth in children who have equal access to both parents. The bill incorporates this requirement into the statutory list of "best interests of the child" factors set forth in § 43-2923.

The bill does not create a presumption of equal parenting time and does not remove or diminish existing safety-based considerations. Courts must continue to consider all other statutory best-interest factors, including those relating to



domestic intimate partner abuse, child abuse or neglect, and the overall health, safety, and welfare of the child.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendment (AM 2283) replaces the term “research” with “evidence” in the new best-interest factor added by LB 908. This change conforms the language of the new factor to existing terminology in § 43-2923, which consistently refers to “credible evidence.”

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Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

