

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1148

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1148 would update Nebraska's parentage statutes to define parental rights for parents of children conceived through assisted reproductive technologies (ART), such as in vitro fertilization or egg, sperm or embryo donation. The language is adapted from relevant sections of Uniform Parentage Act standards (2017) adopted by many other states. Nebraska is one of a minority of states that have yet to adopt any version of the Uniform Parentage Act, which is considered the national standard.

Existing Nebraska law lacks a clear legal framework for these situations, often requiring intended parents to file for adoption of their own child, or for a non-involved biological donor to legally relinquish parental rights. LB 1148 would provide clear standards for the courts to enforce in parentage disputes and for intended parents and donors to understand their parental rights and responsibilities to the child.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Megan Hunt