



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Committee Statement
LB 700

Hearing Date: March 7, 2007
Committee On: Judiciary

Introducer(s): (Christensen)
Title: Adopt the Human Cloning Prohibition Act

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

6	Yes	Sen. Ashford, Sen. Lathrop, Sen. Chambers, Sen. McDonald, Sen. McGill, Sen. Schimek
1	No	Sen. Pirsch
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Sen. Pedersen

Proponents:

Sen. Christensen
 Dr. Louis Safranek
 Greg Schleppenbach
 Rita Hejkal
 Kay Parlor
 Ann Bowen
 Erica Robinson
 Al Riskowsk
 John Lillis
 Maxine Kantor

Representing:

Introducer
 Nebraska Coalition for Ethical Research
 Nebraska Catholic Conference
 Citizen
 Citizen
 Citizen
 Citizen
 Nebraska Family Council
 Nebraskans United for Life
 Citizen

Opponents:

Ron Withem
 James Turpen
 Megan Berens
 Monnie Lindsay
 James Dake
 Dwight Williams
 Sanford Goodman

Representing:

University of Nebraska
 University of Nebraska Medical Center
 Citizen
 Citizen
 Citizen
 Citizen
 Nebrasakans for Research

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 700 proposed to adopt the Human Cloning Prohibition Act (Act). Under the Act, it is unlawful to knowingly perform human cloning, or to deliver or receive any embryo or fetus, produced by or from human cloning, for research purposes. Human cloning is defined in the act as human asexual reproduction accomplished by introducing nuclear material from one or more human somatic cells into a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte from which the nuclear material has been removed or inactivated so as to produce a living organism genetically identical to an existing or previously existing human being. A violation of the Act is classified as a Class IV felony. Nothing in the Act is to be construed as restricting areas of scientific research not specifically prohibited by the Act.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Brad Ashford, Chairperson