



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1003**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 28, 2008

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

The purpose of LB 1003 is to increase and support medical research on stem cells derived from postnatal umbilical cord blood and tissue.

The bill:

1. allows the University of Nebraska Medical Center to establish an accredited laboratory to conduct this research,
2. provides a sustainable funding source for the laboratory and the research, and
3. creates a commission to facilitate in obtaining cord blood samples from Nebraska mothers to be used in medical treatment and research.

The commission created in the bill will develop educational materials to be used by medical doctors and hospitals throughout the state to explain how cord blood can be collected and stored for medical research and treatment purposes. The commission is also directed to assist in the collection of cord blood and its transportation to hospitals, banks, and research laboratories so that it can be accessed for research and treatment.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Rich Pahls**