



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 700

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 7, 2007

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

Legislative Bill 700, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act, would only prohibit the cloning of *humans* by somatic cell nuclear transfer in Nebraska.

Somatic cell nuclear transfer is the name of the process by which clones are created. The result of the human cloning process is a new human being at its earliest stage of development, an embryo. LB 700 would prohibit this process of creating cloned human embryos.

LB 700 does *not* prohibit any scientific research not specifically prohibited by the act, including the cloning of plants and animals, or cells other than human embryos. It would specifically be unlawful to knowingly perform human cloning. In addition, it would be unlawful to deliver or receive any embryo or fetus, produced via human cloning, for the purpose of research.

Violation of the Human Cloning Prohibition Act would be a Class IV felony.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Mark Christensen