

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB361**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: March 01, 2013**

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

LB 361 is intended to assure that maternal deaths be counted and the reasons for such deaths be examined. It is in the best interest of the state and its residents that the number and causes of maternal deaths be examined with a need for a comprehensive, integrated review system that includes statewide retrospective review of existing records relating to maternal deaths to review trends and recommend changes.

The bill amends the current sections of Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-3404 through §71-3411 governing child death reviews by expanding current child death reviews to include maternal deaths. The bill also renames these provisions the Child and Maternal Death Review Act. It would require that child death reviews be expanded to include the death of a woman during pregnancy and postpartum.

LB 361 also expands the death review team from eight to twelve members and assigns the Department of Health and Human Services general administration over the team with administrative support provided by a team coordinator employed or contracted by HHS and may be a local public health department.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Sara Howard**