

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB296

Hearing Date: Thursday February 19, 2015
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Kolterman
One Liner: Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notification after removal of a child

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Riepe, Kolterman, Howard, Crawford, Cook, Campbell, Baker
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mark Kolterman
Tony Green
Sarah Helvey
Julia Tse

Representing:

District 24
DHHS, CFS
Nebraska Appleseed
Voices for Children in Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 296 was introduced on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, adds a notice requirement in adoptions, to bring Nebraska into compliance with the newly passed federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act and ensure federal funding.

Section-by-section description:

Section (1): Amends 43-1311.01 of the Foster Care Review Act, adding that when a child is removed from a home, the parents of any siblings must be notified by DHHS. Defines sibling for purposes of this act.

Section (2): Amends 43-1311.02 to define sibling for purposes of federal funding eligibility.

Section (3): Repealer.

Explanation of amendments:

AM447 to LB296 adds an operative date of July 1, 2015 and an emergency clause.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson