

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB1040**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 15, 2018**

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

Nebraska currently makes birth certificates available for miscarriages that occur after the twentieth week of gestation. LB 1040 provides the option to request a commemorative, state issued certificate of nonviable birth for miscarriages that occur before the twentieth week during a pregnancy that has been verified by a health care practitioner. The requesting parent pays for the cost of issuing the certificate. The certificate is not an official birth certificate or legal document, and is not recorded by the state.

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

Senator Joni Albrecht