

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB209

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 20, 2019
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Albrecht
One Liner: Require information regarding reversal of medication abortion

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 5 Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Lathrop, Slama, Wayne
Nay: 3 Senators Chambers, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Joni Albrecht
Rebekah Hagan
Teresa Kenney
Marion Miner
Karen Bowling
Ingrid Duran
Christine Guenther
Laurianne Michael
Charlene Edmundson

Representing:

Introducer
self
self
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Nebraska Family Alliance
Nebraska Right to Life; National Right to Life
Nebraskans Embracing Life
self
self

Opponents:

Kelsey Wilson
Donna Roller
Michael Saenz
Deborah Turner
Sofia Jawed-Wessel
Scout Richters

Representing:

National Association of Social Workers
self
Abortion Clinics Org.; Offices of Dr. LeRoy Carhart
Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
self
ACLU of Nebraska

Neutral:

Kellee Kucera Moreno

Representing:

self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 28-327 currently provides certain required information that must be provided to a woman before an abortion can be considered to be performed with voluntary and informed consent. Section 1 would amend Sec. 28-327 to require notification that it may be possible to reverse a medication abortion.

Section 2 would amend 28-327.01 to require the Department of Health and Human Services to publish materials and make them available on its website that it may be possible to reverse a medication abortion.

Explanation of amendments:

AM1432 replaces the original bill, but amends the same sections in different ways.

The amendment reworks the language to focus on continuing a pregnancy after taking mifepristone. Mifepristone is the first of a two-drug method for terminating a pregnancy.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson