

**One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB994**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 30, 2020**

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

This bill would prohibit health care entities from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients because of a mental or physical disability. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. There have been cases of discrimination in other states but not in Nebraska, this bill would prevent any future discrimination. The bill would also allow the individual to bring a civil action against a covered entity if they were denied a transplant based on their disability.

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

Senator Dave Murman