

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB155**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 29, 2021  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to certain paternity proceedings

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators DeBoer, Geist, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Slama
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Brandt

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**Oral Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Justin Wayne	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 155 adds a definition for a child as being under 18 years old for purposes of claims of paternity when the juvenile court has jurisdiction over the child.

Section 1 Amends Sec. 43-1411 regarding claims of paternity where the juvenile court has jurisdiction over the child (subsection (2)). LB 155 adds a definition for "child" as being under 18 years old.

Section 2 Repeals original section.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

Committee amendment AM69 is a white copy amendment that adds a new subsection (2)(c) to section 43-1411, that adds a list of items that a juvenile court may consider when considering actions to determine paternity. The items included: the child's age; relationship between the child and a presumptive parent; whether the child could be harmed by establishing paternity; and other factors. The amendment also adds a new subsection (2)(d) that defines a child as under 18 years old regardless of whether born out of wedlock.

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson