

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB497**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 05, 2021  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** DeBoer  
**One Liner:** Provide for compensation under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act for health care providers examining or treating victims of sexual assault or domestic assault

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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>	7	Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Geist, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Slama
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Wendy DeBoer  
Jen Tran  
Meredith Lierk  
Anne Boatright

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Methodist Hospital  
Self  
Nebraska Attorney General's Office

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Tiffany Joekel  
Robert Sanford  
Scout Richters  
Natalie Peetz  
Angie Lauritsen  
David Slattery  
Ivy Svoboda

**Representing:**

Women's Fund of Omaha  
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence  
ACLU of Nebraska  
CHI Health  
Survivors Rising  
Nebraska Hospital Association  
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

Section 1 would amend Sec. 81-1801 to add definitions of "domestic assault", "health care provider", and "sexual assault" to the Crime Victim's Reparation Act.

Section 2 would amend Sec. 81-1807 to allow health care providers to be reimbursed as compensation under the Crime Victim's Reparations Act for costs incurred in treating or examining a victim of sexual assault or domestic assault that are not otherwise paid or reimbursed.

Section 3 would amend Sec. 81-1808 to insert a reference to health care providers in a section related to the documentation necessary for compensation.

Section 4 would amend Sec. 81-1815 to authorize a hearing officer to order compensation to a health care provider in the event that a victim is injured or killed.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM132 would require a health care provider to obtain the permission of the victim before applying for reimbursement for health care costs.

The amendment would also add child abuse to the list of offenses eligible for reimbursement and harmonize language related to domestic assault.

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson