



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 951**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 28, 2008

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

LB 951 will require the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to prepare and disseminate information regarding umbilical cord blood banking in order to provide information to pregnant women regarding cord blood banking.

The bill also requires any physician who has a pregnant woman in his or her care to inform that patient of her options regarding umbilical cord blood. A physician can satisfy this requirement by providing to the patient the information developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The intent is to provide objective information regarding umbilical cord blood banking in order to broaden awareness of the benefits that may be achieved in treatment and research through the utilization of umbilical cord blood.

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