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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB456

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2017

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

LB 456 will ensure that Nebraskans who are disabled are not discriminated against based on their disability when decisions are made regarding their fitness as parents or potential parents. It is in the best interest of children not to deny them the opportunity to experience living in loving homes solely on the basis of the disability of the parent or parents or caretaker. LB 456 will provide guidance in family law or dependency law cases that disability alone cannot be the basis for denial or restriction of visitation, custody, adoption, foster care, or guardianship status, and that the burden of proof is on the accuser when the assertion is made that a person's disability has or would have a detrimental impact on a child.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Briese