



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 713**

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**Chairperson:** Patrick J. Bourne  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 9, 2005

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

The purpose of LB 713 is to make several statutory changes related to victims of sexual assault.

LB 713 would:

- Utilize a standard sexual assault evidence collection kit for victims statewide;
- Provide for the collection of forensic evidence by medical professionals, with the consent of the victim, without separate authorization by a law enforcement agency;
- Change the mandatory reporting law for healthcare providers so that they are not required to immediately report a sexual assault to law enforcement officials without the victim's consent if the victim is at least 18-years-old and not an otherwise vulnerable or protected individual under state law;
- Authorize the anonymous reporting of sexual assaults while providing for the collection of forensic evidence, which would be maintained for at least three years by a law enforcement agency, by medical professionals and identifying the victim by a numbering system;
- Revise Nebraska's Evidence Rule 404 to conform to Federal Evidence Rules 413 and 414 permitting evidence of a defendant's commission of other offenses of sexual assault in a criminal case; and,
- Expand Nebraska's Statute of Limitations to allow prosecution of criminals whose DNA profile is known, but whose identity may not be known until after the current three-year felony statute of limitations has run.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Nancy Thompson**