

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB307**

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 09, 2017**

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

The intent of LB 307 is to ensure that the fee for mediation services for modifications of custody, parenting time, visitation, and other parental access is also being paid by never-married parents, as it is currently being paid by married parents. The number of never-married parents using mediation services has increased to the point of nearly being equal with the number of married parents using the same services. Ultimately, the bill is meant to ensure that the fees for the same services are being applied equally.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Lydia Brasch