

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB219**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 31, 2019  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Wishart  
**One Liner:** Change requirements for foster care transition proposals and provide immunity from liability for caregivers

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Anna Wishart Sarah Helvey Sara Drueke Felipe Longoria	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer Nebraska Appleseed self self
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<b>Opponents:</b> Larry Storer	<b>Representing:</b> self
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Section 1 would amend Sec. 43-1311.03 include an additional component to the written independent living transition proposal DHHS is required to prepare for each youth. The plan would be required to include information, planning, and assistance to obtain a driver's license. This section would also require the Department to provide, or assist the youth in obtaining, a copy of their birth certificate, social security card, and any other documents necessary to obtain a driver's license.

Section 2 would add a new subsection to Sec. 43-4704 to prohibit additional requirements to obtain a driver's license for youth in foster care due to their status as a youth in foster care.

Section 3 would amend Sec. 43-4708 to add a new subsection that provides that caregivers are not liable for harm caused to or by a child learning to drive or driving a motor vehicle. In some circumstances, the owner of a vehicle can be held liable for damages caused by a person operating their vehicle.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM1472 would remove section 3 of the original bill. The amendment would also remove a requirement for the department to provide a child with a certified copy of their birth certificate on their fourteenth birthday and upon leaving foster care. The department would still be required to provide a birth certificate to a child in foster care that is eligible for a driver's license.

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson