

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB93

Hearing Date: Thursday January 31, 2019
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Wayne
One Liner: Provide for intervention by a biological parent in certain juvenile proceedings

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama, Wayne
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Senator Justin Wayne	Representing: Introducer
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB93 would amend Sec. 25-238 authorize a person claiming to be a biological parent of certain juveniles to intervene in an action and obtain DNA testing.

The bill would apply to any proceeding in any court involving a juvenile in the custody of the State of Nebraska for one of the reasons enumerated in Sec. 43-247, which provides for the jurisdiction of juvenile courts.

Under Sec. 43-245(19), the parent of a juvenile is a party in a juvenile court action. The process to initiate a civil proceeding to establish paternity is contained in Sec. 43-1411.

Explanation of amendments:

AM422 replaces the original bill. The new subsection is now placed into Sec. 43-1411 instead of Sec. 25-238. The new language is harmonized with the existing process for establish paternity and applies in cases in which the juvenile court already has jurisdiction over a child.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson