

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB669**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday March 06, 2025  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Storer  
**One Liner:** Change requirements for voluntary and informed consent and civil actions relating to abortion

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Bosn, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, Storer, Storm
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator McKinney
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators DeBoer, Rountree

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tanya Storer  
Marion Miner  
Elizabeth Nunnally  
Adam Schwend  
Bud Synhorst  
Julie Schrader  
Gina Tomes

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Nebraska Family Alliance  
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America  
Nebraska Right to Life  
Innocence Freed  
Guiding Grace Motherhood Support Network

**Opponents:**

Erin Feichtinger  
Adelle Burk  
Joy Kathurima  
Taylor Givens-Dunn  
Rose Kohl  
John Mayes

**Representing:**

Women's Fund of Omaha  
Planned Parenthood North Central States  
ACLU of Nebraska  
I Be Black Girl  
Nebraska Choose Life Now  
Self

**Neutral:**

David Zebolsky  
Christon MacTaggart  
  
Jarrod Ridge  
Jeff Spahr  
Teresa Fondren

**Representing:**

Nebraskans Embracing Life  
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic  
Violence  
End Abortion Nebraska  
Abolish Abortion Nebraska  
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\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB669 amends provisions of law regarding informed and voluntary consent for abortion. The bill adds requirements for screening a pregnant woman to evaluate whether she is the victim of coercion, domestic violence, and human trafficking. The bill also removes outdated language and several provisions that were found unconstitutional and permanently enjoined by the federal courts in *Planned Parenthood of the Heartland v. Heineman*, 724 F.Supp.2d 1025 (D. Neb. 2010), and 664 F.3d 716 (8th Cir. 2011).

**Section-by-Section Summary:**

Section 1: Amends legislative findings and declarations in § 28-325 to remove subdivision (4), which declares that currently this state is prevented from providing adequate legal remedies to protect the life, health, and welfare of pregnant women and their unborn children. The bill also adds a new subdivision to this section stating that abundant research says pregnant women often feel coerced or pressured into abortion and that it is in the interest of the people and the state of Nebraska that these women have an opportunity to report coercion, abuse, and human trafficking.

Section 2: Amends § 28-326 to remove “complications associated with abortion,” “negligible risk,” and “risk factor associated with abortion” as defined terms for purposes of the applicable sections of law.

Section 3: Amends § 28-327 to require healthcare providers to assess whether a woman feels pressured into seeking an abortion or has any history of domestic violence or human trafficking. A healthcare provider is also required to provide the contact information for national hotlines related to these issues. This section also removes provisions relating to the assessment of risk factors that were held unconstitutional.

Sections 4 and 5: Harmonizing changes to § 28-327.03 and § 28-327.04.

Section 6: Amends § 28-327.06 to add that a waiver of the requirements provided under § 28-327(4) is void and unenforceable. Existing law only voids a waiver of the evaluations and notices under § 28-327(4) without also mentioning the requirements under such subdivision.

Section 7: Amends § 28-327.11 to remove subdivision (5), which provides an affirmative defense to an allegation of inadequate disclosure, and subdivision (4), which regulates any physician advertising in the state, both of which were held unconstitutional.

Sections 8 and 9: Harmonizing changes to § 28-327.12 and § 38-2021.

Section 10: Repealer.

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Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

