

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB732

Hearing Date: Thursday January 29, 2026
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Kauth
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the ability of a health care practitioner to provide cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers under the Let Them Grow Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	4	Senators Hardin, Ballard, Hansen, Meyer, G.
Nay:	3	Senators Fredrickson, Quick, Riepe
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kathleen Kauth
Nate Grasz
Marion Miner
Kathy Wilmot
Wes Wilmot
Dr. Merlin Wehling
Jamie Reed
Erin Friday
Christina Marie
Pear Joseph
Jessica Raburn
Scott Thomas

Kenneth Hugo

Opponents:

Alexander Liu
Dr. Elizabeth Constance
Julia Keown, RN
Sheri Schuler
Alasdair R. (Kris) Doucherty
Dr. Ashleigh Clarke
Dr. Camie Nitzel
Braden Foreman-Black
Jessie McGrath

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Family Alliance
Nebraska Catholic Conference
NE Eagle Forum
self
self
LGB Courage Coalition
Our Duty - USA
LGB Courage Coalition
LGB Courage Coalition
self
Village in Progress, USIDHR, US Institute of
Diplomacy and Human Rights
self

Representing:

self
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Nurses Association
Rainbow Parents of Nebraska
Rainbow Parents
NE Psychological Association
Kindred Psychology
Kindred Psychology
self



Joan Daughton	Nebraska Regional Council for the American Academy of Child + Adolescent Psychiatry and Nebraska Advocates for Child Health
Lisa Carmichael	League of Women Voters - Nebraska
Eric Reiter	Voices for Children in Nebraska
Mary Ensz	self
Dr. Gary Ensz	self
Dr. Meghan Oakes	self
Kataryna Morton	self
Rene Docherty	self
A.T. Miller	OutNebraska
Jen Day	Women's Fund of Omaha
Alexander Hamriz	self
Devin Crozier	self
Cece Crozier	self
Melanie Knight	self
Leslie Dvorak	Pride Health Clinic
Amy Arndt	self
Dominic Gliko	self, ACLU
Grant Friedman	ACLU of Nebraska
Rachel Murphy	PFLAG Omaha
Evelynn Freeman	Evelynn Freeman Psychotherapy LLC
Mason Luttig-Leapley	self
Alycia LaMarche	Pride Health Clinic
Karen Marker	self
Amara Pace	self
Janet Morton	self
Teresa Lombard	self
Jaclyn Olberding	self
Amy Bettinger	self
Jill Dibbern Manhart	self
Tiffany Weiss	self
Ariana Weiss	self
Daniel Richie	self
Jill Brown	self
Marilou Kilian	self
Ellen Hazels	self
Holly Richie	Self
Faith Walker	self
Hap Hausman	self
Joshua Gerrard	self
Jason Slaughter	self
Dr. Lindsay Salem	self
Dani Hadenfeldt	self and friends
Alma Cerretta	self
Vesper LaThary	self
Heather Rhea	self
Christy Knorr	self
Grace Jacobson	self



Neutral:**Representing:**

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 732 changes provisions of the Let Them Grow Act. Expressly, LB 732 prohibits a health care practitioner from prescribing or providing to individuals, under the age of 19, cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs for the purpose of assisting with gender alteration. However, health care practitioners are exempt if the drugs are used to treat congenital defects, precocious puberty, disease, or physical injury, or if they complied with the current law on or before January 1, 2027. Also, telehealth is prohibited for these procedures. In addition, definitions are provided for disease and congenital defects and requirements are provided for courts and the Attorney General.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:

Section 1: This bill includes the new language of Section 6 of this bill under Sections 71-7301 to 71-7307 of the Let Them Grow Act.

Section 2: This bill adds definitions in Section 71-7303. First, congenital defect is defined as a physical or chemical abnormality present in an individual younger than 19 years of age that is inconsistent with the normal development of a human being of such individual's biological sex, including abnormalities caused by a medically verifiable disorder of sex development. Congenital defect does not include gender dysphoria, gender identity disorder, or any mental condition. In addition, telehealth has the same meaning as in Section 38-120.01.

Section 3: This bill amends Section 71-7304 relating to prohibitions under the Let Them Grow Act. Specifically, LB 732 prohibits a health care practitioner from performing gender-altering procedures via telehealth to an individual located in this state. However, this section does not apply to treatment using puberty-blocking drugs when the course began before October 1, 2023 and concluded on or before January 1, 2027. Also, this section does not apply to nonsurgical gender-altering procedures when provided prior to the effective date of this act in compliance with rules/regs or on and after the effective date of this act.

Section 4: LB 732 amends non-surgical gender-altering procedures in Section 71-7305. Beginning on and after the effective date of this act, a health care practitioner shall not knowingly prescribe for or provide to an individual, in this state, younger than 19 years of age, cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs for the purpose of assisting the individual with a gender alteration. However, a health care practitioner does not violate this section if these drugs were prescribed for or provided to an individual younger than 19 to treat the individual's congenital defect, precocious puberty, disease, or physical injury, or in compliance with the Let Them Grow Act and the rules/regs concluded on or before January 1, 2027. Further, disease does not include any gender nonconformity, gender dysphoria, gender identity disorder, or mental condition. Lastly, the chief medical officer shall adopt and promulgate rules/regs to carry out new subsection (2) of this section.

Section 5: This bill amends civil actions in Section 71-7307. Specifically, if a court in any civil action brought pursuant to this section finds that a health care practitioner knowingly violated this law, the court shall notify the Attorney General and the Department of Health and Human Services by mailing a certified copy of the court's order. Also, notification shall be made upon judgement of the court being made final.

Section 6: LB 732 provides new language relating to the Attorney General and civil penalties. Specifically, the Attorney General may bring an action against a health care practitioner that knowingly violates the Let Them Grow



Act within 20 years of the violation to enjoin further violations and recover a civil penalty of \$20,000 per violation. Regarding these actions, each time a health care practitioner performs a gender-altering procedure, including each instance of prescribing or providing cross-sex hormones and puberty-blocking drugs in violation of the Let Them Grow Act, constitutes a separate violation. Finally, any civil penalties collected shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution to common schools in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Nebraska Constitution.

Section 7: Repealer

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

