

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB874

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 11, 2026
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Hallstrom
One Liner: Enhance penalties for motor vehicle homicide and motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child caused by wireless communication device violations

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

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

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Hallstrom
David Solheim
Benjamin Murry
Robert Bell

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska County Attorneys Association
Nebraska City Police
Nebraska Insurance Federation

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill enhances the penalties for motor vehicle homicide and motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child proximately caused by violations relating to the use of a handheld wireless communications device. Specifically, sections 28-306 and 28-394 are amended to include violations of sections 60-6,179.01 and 60-179.02, governing the prohibited use of a handheld wireless device and the commercial motor vehicle driving version, respectively. If the proximate cause of the death of another is the operation of a motor vehicle in violation of the aforementioned sections, it is a Class IIIA felony.



