

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB385

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

It is the intent of LB 385 to ensure the maximum availability of potential suitable placements for children in out-of-home care. LB 385 prohibits discrimination by the Department of Health and Human Services based upon race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, or national origin when determining the suitability of an out-of-home placement for a juvenile pursuant to the Nebraska Juvenile Code or when issuing a foster care license.

LB 385 maintains that child placement decisions should be made based upon the health, safety, and well-being of the child, taking into consideration the requirements of the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, the federal Multi-Ethnic Placement Act of 1994, and the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist