

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB179**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: March 01, 2023**

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

LB179 protects minors by prohibiting credentialed health care professionals from providing conversion therapy to anyone under age 19. Conversion therapy is defined as a practice or treatment that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. Under LB179, providing conversion therapy constitutes a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Trade Practices Act. The bill does not apply to a practice or treatment conducted by a clergy member or religious counselor who is acting in a pastoral or religious capacity and not as a health professional.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator John Fredrickson**