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States with laws or policies expressly prohibiting discrimination against gay individuals in the foster parenting process (4 states):
California (2004), Massachusetts (2005), New Jersey (2001), Oregon (2007)
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States with laws or policies expressly restricting foster parenting by gay individuals (1 state):
Nebraska (1995) (directive of the then director of Nebraska's Department of Social Service prohibits foster parenting by gay individuals as well as unmarried, cohabitating individuals)
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States with laws or policies that may have the effect of restricting foster parenting by gay individuals (3 states):
North Dakota (2003) (allows child-placing agencies to discriminate against prospective foster parents based on religious or moral objection), Utah (2000, 2007) (prohibits foster parenting by unmarried, cohabitating individuals (2000); gives preference to married couples over single adults in foster care placement decisions (2007)), Arkansas (2008) (prohibits foster parenting by unmarried, cohabitating individuals)