

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB68

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2023
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Slama
One Liner: Increase limits on medical malpractice liability and change provisions of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Ballard, Bostar, Dungan, Jacobson, Kauth, Slama, von Gillern
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Julie Slama
Daniel Rosenquist
Beverly Razon
David Buntain
Eric Dunning

Representing:

Nebraska Legislature
Nebraska Medical Association
COPIC
Self
Nebraska Department of Insurance

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Andy Hale
John Lindsay

Representing:

Nebraska Hospital Association
Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys

* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 68 would amend a number of statutes found in the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act (Act). The bill would provide, section by section, as follows:

Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 will amend, respectively, Neb. Rev. Stat. 44-2824, 44-2825, 44-2827, 44-2832 and 44-2833 by increasing the coverage requirements from five hundred thousand dollars per occurrence to one million dollars per occurrence. It also increases the coverage requirements from one million dollars for all occurrences or claims made in any policy year or risk-loss year to three million dollars for all occurrences or claims made in any policy year or risk-loss year.

Section 4 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. 44-2831.01 by providing for a phase in period relating to the increased coverage requirements created by LB 68.

Section 7 states the operative date of LB 68.

Section 8 repeals the original sections being amended.

Julie Slama, Chairperson