

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB68**

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**Chairperson: Senator Julie Slama**

**Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance**

**Date of Hearing: January 30, 2023**

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

LB68 would increase the amount of liability coverage that must be carried by physicians, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), and hospitals in order to qualify for Excess Liability Fund coverage under the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act. The required coverage for a physician or CRNA would increase from \$500,000/occurrence with an annual aggregate limit of \$1 million to \$1 million/occurrence with an annual aggregate of \$3 million. The required coverage for a hospital would increase from \$500,000/occurrence with an annual aggregate limit of \$3 million to \$1 million/occurrence with an annual aggregate of \$3 million.

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

**Senator Julie Slama**