

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)**  
**LB307**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 09, 2023  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Hunt  
**One Liner:** Provide an exception to the penalty relating to drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Blood, DeBoer, DeKay, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:** 1 Senator Geist

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Megan Hunt  
Lacie Bolte  
Edward Krumpotich  
Ryan Paul Carruthers

Patrick Habecker  
Abbi Swatsworth  
Stacey McKenna  
Adelle Burk  
Lacy Smith\*

**Representing:**

District 08  
Nebraska AIDS Project  
National Harm Reduction Coalition  
CenterPointe / Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations  
Self  
Out Nebraska  
R Street Institute  
Planned Parenthood North Central States  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Amends Section 28-442 to exempt pharmacies and the staff/participants of an authorized public health program who distribute hypodermic needles from prosecution for possession of drug paraphernalia with the intent to distribute.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The amendment also changes Section 28-441 to exempt the staff/participants of an authorized public health program who distribute hypodermic needles from prosecution for possession of drug paraphernalia with the intent to use.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson

