

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB257**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 10, 2015  
**Committee On:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
**Introducer:** Nordquist  
**One Liner:** Require insurers to provide descriptions relating to telehealth and telemonitoring

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Campbell, Craighead, Gloor, Howard, Lindstrom, Scheer, Schumacher, Williams  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Jeremy Nordquist  
Ann Frohman  
Mandi Constantine  
John Lindsay

**Representing:**

Introducer  
NE Medical Association  
NE Medicine  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

This bill would enact a section to provide that a health insurer shall provide upon request to a policyholder, certificate holder, or health care provider a description of the telehealth and telemonitoring services covered under the relevant policy, certificate, contract, or plan.

"Telehealth" would be defined as the use of medical information electronically exchanged from one site to another to aid a health care provider in the diagnosis or treatment of a patient. "Telemonitoring" would be defined as the remote monitoring of a patient's vital signs, biometric data, or subjective data by a monitoring device which transmits such data electronically to a health care provider for analysis and storage.

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Jim Scheer, Chairperson