



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004
Committee Statement
LB 737

Hearing Date: March 4, 2003

Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Introducer(s): (Synowiecki)

Title: Require insurance for treatment of inherited metabolic disease

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6 Yes Senators Quandahl, Tyson, Jensen, Johnson, Mines, Redfield

2 No Senators Foley, Louden

Present, not voting

Absent

Proponents:

Senator John Synowiecki

Luta Pleiss

Cynthia Jimerson

Mary O'Hare

Tamara Field

Judge Larry Gendler

Representing:

Introducer

Self

Self

NE Planning Council on Developmental
Disabilities

Self

Self

Opponents:

Thomas Jenkins

Galen Ullstrom

Janis McKenzie

David McBride

Ron Sedlacek

Robert Hallstrom

Representing:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NE

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co.

NE Insurance Federation

Assn. of Insurance and Financial Advisors-NE

NE Chamber of Commerce

NE Bankers Association

National Federation of Independent Business

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 737 (Synowiecki) would enact a new section to provide that any individual or group health insurance policy or contract, and any self-funded employee benefit plan shall include coverage for “medical foods” (as defined in the bill) and “low-protein modified food products” (as defined in the bill) for the treatment of “inherited metabolic diseases” (as defined in the bill) if the medical foods or low-protein modified food products are medically necessary for the therapeutic treatment of inherited metabolic diseases and are administered under the direction of a physician.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Mark Quandahl, Chairperson