

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

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**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

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

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

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**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

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**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.

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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.

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Julie Slama, Chairperson