

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB566

Hearing Date: Friday February 08, 2019
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Crawford
One Liner: Provide for notice to the Legislature if the Department of Insurance applies for a 1332 waiver from requirements of federal law as prescribed

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Bolz, Hilgers, Lowe, Kolterman, McCollister, Vargas
Nay:
Absent: 3 Senators Chambers, Hughes, Scheer
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Senator Sue Crawford Kenny McMorris Molly McCleery	Representing: Self Health Center Association of Nebraska Nebraska Appleseed
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Summary of the Bill:

LB566 requires the Department of Insurance to notify the chairperson of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee before submitting a request or application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a state innovation waiver under section 1332* of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

If a waiver is granted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the United States Department of the Treasury, the department would not be allowed to implement it unless authorized by the Legislature.

*Section 1332: State Innovation Waivers

Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) permits a state to apply for a State Innovation Waiver (now also referred to as a State Relief and Empowerment Waiver) to pursue innovative strategies for providing their residents with access to high quality, affordable health insurance while retaining the basic protections of the ACA.

State Innovation Waivers allow states to implement innovative ways to provide access to quality health care that is at least as comprehensive and affordable as would be provided absent the waiver, provides coverage to a comparable number of residents of the state as would be provided coverage absent a waiver, and does not increase the federal deficit.

State Innovation Waivers are available beginning January 1, 2017. State Innovation Waivers are approved for five-year periods, and can be renewed.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment strikes the original language and instead requires the Department of Insurance to notify the chairperson and members of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee prior to submitting an application for a state innovation waiver.

The Banking Committee would then hold a public hearing on the waiver application.

Mike Hilgers, Chairperson