

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1033**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 20, 2026  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Spivey  
**One Liner:** Require the Department of Health and Human Services to make crisis assistance payments under the low-income home energy assistance program

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Hardin, Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, G., Quick
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Riepe

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Ashlei Spivey  
Britton Gabel  
Jill Becker  
Alicia Christensen  
Matt Wallen

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Omaha Public Power District  
Black Hills Energy  
Together  
United Way of the Midlands

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB 1033 amends §68-1215 by adding subsection (2), which obligates the Department of Health and Human Services to make crisis assistance payments not to exceed \$800 per program year, and further authorizes the Department to approve payments in excess of that amount upon a finding of extenuating circumstances.

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Brian Hardin, Chairperson

