

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB326

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 11, 2025
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Jacobson
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act, the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act, and mutual insurance holding companies and eliminate the provisions of the Health Insurance Access Act and the Health Care Purchasing Pool Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bostar, Dungan, Hallstrom, Hardin, Jacobson, Riepe, Wordekemper, von Gillern
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Jacobson
Eric Dunning
Robert Bell

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Department of Insurance
Nebraska Insurance Federation

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 326 amends and outright repeals a number of insurance-related statutes. First, it updates the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act to include jurisdiction over health insurance lead generators who promulgate advertisements, emails, phone calls or other forms of communication to obtain information to use in the sale of insurance.

The bill also amends the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act to conform with changes made to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) model. The changes amend the definition of covered claim to ensure guaranty fund coverage when a policy is transferred from one insurer to another; clarify that cybersecurity insurance is covered under the fund and defines that coverage including claim limits; add powers for an association relating to insurer records, association defenses, and employment; and change provisions relating to exhaustion of remedies by a claimant.



LB 326 also updates the Mutual Insurance Holding Company Act to clarify that companies may use either generally accepted accounting principles or statutory accounting principles.

Finally, the bill repeals the Health Insurance Access Act and the Health Care Purchasing Pool Act which are no longer applicable or necessary.

Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

