ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB470

Hearing Date: Thursday March 13, 2025

Committee On: Judiciary **Introducer:** Bosn

One Liner: Provide for attorneys to make unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury in lieu of sworn

declarations

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, McKinney, Rountree,

Storer, Storm

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:Representing:Senator Carolyn BosnOpening Presenter

Tim Hruza Nebraska State Bar Association

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral:Representing:Scott ThomasVillage in Progress

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 470 creates a new section of law to allow an attorney to provide an unsworn declaration instead of a sworn affidavit in certain circumstances. The bill provides that when a matter in a legal action is required or allowed to be supported or proved by a sworn declaration of an attorney representing a party in the action—except for depositions, oaths of office, and oaths of office required to be taken before a specified official—an unsworn declaration can be submitted instead. The attorney must sign and date the unsworn declaration which shall substantially include a statement affirming its truthfulness under penalty of perjury.



^{*} ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

