

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB326

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 24, 2009
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Rogert
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Christensen, Gloor, Langemeier, McCoy, Pahls, Pirsch, Utter
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Pankonin

Proponents:

Senator Kent Rogert
Kent Bernbeck
Gary Anthone

Shelly Holman
Kevin Manulak
Bruce Rieker

Opponents:

Ann Frohman
Victor Kensler

Neutral:

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Obesity Action Coalition / American Society for
Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery
St. Elizabeth Hospital Regional Center / Self
Self
NE Hospital Association

Representing:

NE Department of Insurance
NECHIP

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 326 (Rogert) would amend section 44-4226 of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool (CHIP) Act to provide that pool coverage shall include coverage for biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch and Roux-en-y gastric bypass.

The bill would provide that the CHIP board shall establish an independent review process to have medical professionals review CHIP coverage disputes and make decisions binding on the parties. The bill would provide that the Director of Insurance shall, by rule and regulation, establish standards for the selection of the independent reviewers and the operation of independent reviews.

Rich Pahls, Chairperson