

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB74**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 27, 2009  
**Committee On:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
**Introducer:** Pirsch  
**One Liner:** Authorize pledging of Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka letters of credit as security for private deposits

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Christensen, Gloor, Langemeier, McCoy, Pahls, Pankonin,  
Pirsch, Utter  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Pete Pirsch  
Robert Hallstrom

**Representing:**

Introducer  
NE Bankers Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 74 (Pirsch) would amend section 8-133 of the Nebraska Banking Act to provide that a state-chartered bank shall not be prohibited from providing to a depositor an irrevocable, nontransferable, unconditional standby letter of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, which provides coverage for deposits in excess of amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. This section currently allows a state-chartered bank to provide to a depositor a guaranty bond for the same purpose.

The bill carries the emergency clause.

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Rich Pahls, Chairperson