



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 149**

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**Chairperson:** Rich Pahls  
**Committee:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
**Date of Hearing:** February 17, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 149 would require that the most appropriate prosthetic, deemed medically necessary by a treating physician, be covered by insurance plans in the state of Nebraska, at a minimum, equal to coverage provided in the federal Medicare program.

The bill would not prevent application of deductibles or co-payment provisions contained in the insurance plan or require that coverage be extended to any other procedures. Co-payments would not exceed those imposed under Part B of the Medicare fee-for-service program.

For purposes of LB 149, prosthetics are defined as artificial legs and arms and associated components.

Eleven states have passed legislation similar to LB 149. Twenty-seven states are currently developing similar legislation.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Dave Pankonin**