ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB876

Hearing Date: Monday February 10, 2014

Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Introducer: Howard

One Liner: Prohibit exclusions of coverage for injury or damage from carbon monoxide or other gas exposure

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Campbell, Carlson, Christensen, Garrett, Gloor, Howard,

Pirsch, Schumacher

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Sara Howard Introducer
Cheryl Green Self

Matt Schaefer NE Association of Commercial Property Owners

Pete Wegman NE Association of Trial Attorneys

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Jim Dobler NE Insurance Information Services; Professional

Insurance Agents of NE

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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB876 (Howard) would enact a new section to provide that no policy of insurance written to insure real property shall be issued or delivered on or after January 1, 2015, if it excludes coverage for injury or damage resulting from carbon monoxide or other gases produced by or released from a heating unit or ventilation system.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendments would become the bill.

The amendments would enact a new section to provide that an exclusion in a homeowner's policy or an owner's, landlord's, and tenant's policy for loss arising out of the discharge, dispersal, release, or escape of pollutants shall include an exception to the exclusion for bodily injury sustained within a building and caused by smoke, fumes, vapor, or soot from a heating or ventilation system.

Mike Gloor, Chairperson