

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB632

Hearing Date: Monday February 09, 2015
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Scheer
One Liner: Prohibit employers and associations from precluding certain contracts relating to health benefit plans

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Campbell, Craighead, Gloor, Howard, Lindstrom, Scheer, Schumacher, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jim Scheer
Senator Mark Kolterman
Steve Robino
Korby Gilbertson
Mick Mines
Jan McKenzie

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Aetna and America's Health Insurance Plan
NE Association of Health Underwriters
NAIFA-NE
NE Insurance Federation

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Chuck Olson
Eric Dunning

Representing:

OCI
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would enact a new section to provide that an employer or association may enter into a contract, agreement, or arrangement with an agent or broker that provides for or results in compensation paid to the agent or broker for the sale of a health benefit plan. The bill would provide that the compensation may be collected by and passed through to the agent or broker by the carrier and shall not be considered premium.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendments would provide that a fee paid to an agent or broker for the sale of a health benefit plan shall not exceed ten percent of the total anticipated premium to be paid by the employer or association.

The committee amendments would provide that the term of a contract, agreement, or arrangement entered into under the bill shall not extend past December 31, 2018.

The committee amendments would provide that an insurer shall retain a copy of a contract, agreement, or arrangement

entered into under the bill pursuant to the Insurers Examination Act.

Jim Scheer, Chairperson