

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB195

Hearing Date: Friday January 20, 2017
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Craighead
One Liner: Require notification following mammography as prescribed

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Williams
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Riepe

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Joni Craighead
Nancy Cappello, Ph.D.
Bill Rauth
Vicky Vandervort
Mary Darey
Surya Venkatesh
John Fitzgerald Carroll

Representing:

Introducer
Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc.
Self
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Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Elisabeth Hurst

Representing:

Nebraska Hospital Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 195 mandates all health care facilities that perform mammographies to include the patient's individual breast tissue classification based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology in the summary of the mammography report.

If the health care facility determines the patient has heterogeneously dense or extremely dense breast tissue the summary report mandates a notification to be provided. Notification must be substantially similar to the following:

"Your mammogram indicates that you have dense breast tissue. Dense breast tissue is a normal finding that is present in about forty percent of women. Dense breast tissue can make it more difficult to detect cancer on a mammogram and may be associated with a slightly increased risk for breast cancer. This information is provided to raise your awareness of the impact of breast density on cancer detection and to encourage you to discuss this issue, as well as other breast cancer risk factors, with your health care provider as you decide together which screening options may be right for you."

If a health care facility decides to alter the notification, the facility is required to report the change to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the updated information and review.

This mandate on health care facilities does not create a duty of care or legal obligation beyond the duty to provide notice.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section 1: Mandates health care facilities to include patient's individual breast tissue classification in the summary of the mammography report. If patient has heterogeneously dense or extremely dense breast tissue additional notification is required to be provided.

Section 2: If a health care facility decides to alter the notification, the facility is required to report the change to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the updated information and review.

Section 3: This mandate on health care facilities does not create a duty of care or legal obligation beyond the duty to provide notice.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson