

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB240

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 26, 2021
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Hilkemann
One Liner: Require use of occupant protection systems for each vehicle occupant

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Friesen, Geist, Hughes, Moser
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 2 Senators Cavanaugh, M., DeBoer

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Robert Hilkemann
Eric Koeppel
Robert M Bell

Representing:
Introducer
President NE National Safety Council
NE Insurance Federation

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:
Michelle Weber
Amy Reynoldson
Coleen Nielsen

Representing:
NE Emergency Medical Services Assn
NE Medical Assn
NE Insurance Information Service & State Farm Insurance Companies

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 240 would require each occupant in a vehicle to wear an occupant protection system (i.e. seatbelt) that is properly adjusted and fastened. Current law requires only front seat passengers to wear occupant protection systems. Occupant protection system means a system utilizing a lap belt, a shoulder belt, or any combination of belts installed in a motor vehicle which (a) restrains drivers and passengers and (b) conforms to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, 49 C.F.R. 571.207, 571.208, 571.209, and 571.210, as such standards existed on January 1, 2020, or, as a minimum standard, to the

federal motor vehicle safety standards for passenger restraint systems applicable for the motor vehicle's model year.

Section-by-Section Summary

Section 1 amends section 60-6,270 to strike language requiring only front seat occupants to wear an occupant protection system.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson