

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB22

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 15, 2011
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: McCoy
One Liner: Adopt the Mandate Opt-Out and Insurance Coverage Clarification Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Christensen, Gloor, Langemeier, McCoy, Pahls, Pirsch, Utter
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Pankonin
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Beau McCoy
Greg Schleppenbach
Suzanne Gage
Sandy Danek
David Bydalek
Karen Bowling

Representing:

Introducer
NE Catholic Conference
Americans United for Life
NE Right to Life
Family First
NE Family Council

Opponents:

Alan Peterson

Representing:

ACLU Nebraska

Neutral:

Richard Hedrick

Representing:

Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB22 (McCoy) would enact four new sections to be known as the Mandate Opt-Out and Insurance Coverage Clarification Act for the purposes of (1) affirmatively opting out of allowing qualified health insurance plans that cover abortions to participate in health insurance exchanges within Nebraska and (2) limiting the coverage of abortion in all health insurance plans, contracts, or policies delivered or issued for delivery in Nebraska.

The bill would provide that no abortion coverage shall be provided by a qualified health insurance plan offered in this state through a health insurance exchange created pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This prohibition would not apply to coverage for an abortion necessary to prevent the death of the woman or for medical complications arising from an abortion.

The bill would also provide that no health insurance plan, contract, or policy delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall provide coverage for an elective abortion except through an optional rider for which an additional premium is paid solely by the insured.

The bill would provide an operative date of January 1, 2012.

Rich Pahls, Chairperson