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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB384

Chairperson: Senator Mike Gloor

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

It is the intent of LB 384 to provide state-based oversight, recommendations, and transparency regarding the implementation of a Health Insurance Exchange in our state by creating the Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission.

The Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission shall:

- Work with state and federal agencies and policymakers to provide oversight and recommendations regarding implementation and operation of the Exchange;
- Create technical and advisory groups as needed to discuss issues regarding the Exchange and to make recommendations to the Commission, state or federal agencies, and the Legislature;
- Assist the Exchange in meeting the stakeholder consultation requirements of the Exchange as provided in federal regulations; and,
- Identify challenges and problems in the implementation and operation of the Exchange and prepare recommendations to alleviate the problems identified.

The Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission will be composed of 12 members, including health care consumer advocates, representatives of small businesses, health care providers, health insurance carriers and agents, and a member of Rural Health Advisory Commission. It will also include representation from the Department of Insurance, the Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care, and the Division of Children and Family Services.

Senator Jeremy Nordquist