

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB62**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday March 01, 2023  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Cavanaugh, M.  
**One Liner:** Provide for coverage of translation and interpretation services under the medical assistance program

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe, Walz  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, M.  
Andy Hale  
Leslie Spry  
Kristen Rodriguez  
Megan Watson Ph.D  
Samia Ahmed Abdel Mawla  
Chris Tonniges  
Mark Hankla  
Alex Dworak MD  
Carlie Jonas  
Sarah Maresh  
Scout Richters  
Jacob Carmichael

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska Hospital Association  
Nebraska Medical Association  
Heartland Family Service  
Private Practice Psychology  
Self  
Lutheran Family Services and NABHO  
Psychotherapy Associates  
Self  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Nebraska Appleseed  
ACLU Nebraska  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 62 includes translation/interpretation services as those services covered under Medicaid.

**SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:**

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Sec 1: No later than January 1, 2024, the department shall provide coverage for all necessary translation and interpretation services for eligible recipients utilizing a medical assistance program service. The department shall take all actions necessary to maximize federal funding to carry out this subsection.

Sec 2: Repealer

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**Explanation of amendments:**

On page 4, line 14, after the first occurrence of "for" insert "and reimbursement to providers for,".

This amendment will reimburse providers as well as recipients for incurred translation and Interpretation costs.

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Ben Hansen, Chairperson

