

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB934**

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**Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 08, 2024**

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

LB934 harmonizes authorities of the Attorney General under Nebraska's two consumer protection laws: the Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Recognizing the fact-intensive nature of unfair or deceptive trade practice cases, LB934 additionally authorizes the Attorney General to elect to bring a claim under either statute for trial by jury. Commensurate with a primary objective of consumer protection laws – getting Nebraskans wronged by deceptive businesses their money back – LB934 also authorizes the Attorney General to temporarily freeze financial accounts of bad actors to prevent them from expending ill-gotten gains and better ensuring restitution to victims.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Carolyn Bosn**