

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB113

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 18, 2015
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Larson
One Liner: Provide a co-payment for correctional inmates' health care services

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Coash, Ebke, Morfeld, Seiler, Williams
Nay:	2	Senators Krist, Pansing Brooks
Absent:	1	Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
SEN. TYSON LARSON
ELAINE MENZEL

Representing:
INTRODUCER
NACO

Opponents:
REVEREND ROBERT BRYAN
LAZARO SPINDOLA

Representing:
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST PRISON MINISTRY
LATIN AMERICAN COMMISSION

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB113 would allow a county jail or the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services to require inmates to pay a copayment of "not less than ten dollars" for every self-initiated, non-emergency visit to a health care provider.

The bill provides certain exceptions for which the copayment would not be charged, including treatment for a chronic illness, emergency care of any kind, and staff initiated care. If an inmate's account balance is insufficient to cover the copayment at the time of the visit, fifty percent of each deposit into the inmate's account will be withheld until the copayment has been paid in full.

Explanation of amendments:

AM508 to LB113 would make the following changes:

Add "Medical, surgical, or hospital services covered under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act" to the list of exceptions for which the copayment would not be charged by a county jail or state correctional facility. (page 3, line 14 and page 4, line 16)

Change the minimum copayment of \$10 to a maximum copayment of \$10 for inmates in county jails and state correctional facilities. (page 2, line 22 and page 3, line 22)
