

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB315

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 25, 2023

Committee On: Judiciary

Introducer: Fredrickson

One Liner: Prohibit providers of services relating to examination or treatment of injuries from sexual assault, domestic assault, and child abuse from taking certain debt enforcement actions against victims

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, DeBoer, DeKay, Geist, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney, Wayne

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Fredrickson

Angie Lauritsen

Katie Welsh

Melanie Kirk

Jen Tran

Lina Bostwick

Erin Feichtinger

Ryan Nickel

Representing:

District 20

Self

Women's Center for Advancement

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Methodist

Nebraska Nurses Association

Women's Fund of Omaha

Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB315 creates a new statute.

This new statute would prohibit healthcare providers, emergency medical providers, laboratories, and pharmacies that have provided any service to treat injuries related to sexual assault, domestic assault, or child abuse, from doing three things:

1) Referring bills for treatment to collection agencies or attorneys for purpose of collection.

2) Distributing information about the treatment, including payment status, in any way that affects the credit rating of the victim, the victim's guardian, or victim's family members.

3) Taking any other adverse action against the victim, the victim's guardian, or victim's family members for failure to pay the debt.

LB315 does not prohibit a request for payment of the debt, such as sending a bill.

Technical Notes:

LB315 does not provide a penalty for a violation of its provisions. LB315 does not specify what entity would be responsible for enforcement and oversight.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson