

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB138

Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2025

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

LB 138 would establish a tiered fee-for-service pharmacy dispensing fee reimbursement for pharmacies participating in the medical assistance program, effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. The proposed reimbursement rates are as follows:

\$10.38 per prescription for independent pharmacies and those dispensing fewer than 30,000 prescriptions per year.

\$9.51 per prescription for pharmacies dispensing between 30,000 and 70,000 prescriptions per year.

\$8.30 per prescription for pharmacies dispensing 70,000 or more prescriptions per year.

Additionally, any pharmacy operating as the sole registered pharmacy within a 30-mile radius will qualify for a dispensing fee rate of **\$10.38** per prescription, regardless of its annual prescription volume.

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a follow-up cost-of-dispensing survey, before July 1, 2026 as a continuation of the survey released in December 2024.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Merv Riepe