

## **Bills on Final Reading**

Unemployment Benefits- LB 567 was introduced by the Chair of the Business and Labor Committee at the request of the Department of Labor. This bill will require the Department of Labor to only look at an applicant's most recent separation from employment when determining maximum unemployment benefits and reductions. LB567 would make permanent the relevant provisions of Executive Order 20-26, which streamlined the application process in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Diabetes- LB 698 was introduced by Senator Kolterman. The purpose of Legislative Bill 698 is to direct Nebraska Medicaid to cover diabetes patient access to continuous glucose monitors (CGMs). Continuous Glucose Monitors allow individuals with diabetes to track their glucose levels at regular intervals and help patients with diabetes more accurately dose insulin. Patients with better management of their diabetes have better outcomes, a higher quality of life, and cost significantly less to the state. In Nebraska, some Medicaid plans already cover CGMs for their patients in order to save long term costs of hospitalizations. However, not all plans provide this coverage. LB 698 would provide equitable access to these devices for all Medicaid patients with diabetes.

Pharmacy Benefit Manager- LB767, introduced by Senator Kolterman, would enact 12 new sections to be known as the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act. The bill would establish standards and criteria for the licensure and regulation by the Director of Insurance of pharmacy benefit managers providing a claims processing service or other prescription drug or device service for a health benefit plan. The bill is based on the State Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Model Act of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

County Surveyors- LB 791, introduced by Senator Lowe. The qualifications and role of the county surveyor are set in part based on the population of the county that they serve. The county surveyor serves in multiple roles in most Nebraska counties, including that of surveyor, county engineer, and county highway superintendent. The largest counties break out these same responsibilities across several county offices. County surveyors in the largest counties must also possess more specific qualifications relating to their position. This bill would increase the population threshold at which the first tranche of qualifications requirements is applied from 60,000 to 100,000.