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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Mike Jacobson

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

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

LB 109 addresses pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) practices that limit patient choice and pharmacy access. Specifically, it:

- 1. Prevents PBMs from requiring high-cost medications to be shipped from PBM-owned out-of-state specialty pharmacies ("white bagging") instead of allowing local community pharmacies to dispense them.
- 2. Ensures that PBMs cannot restrict a retail pharmacy's ability to ship, mail, or otherwise deliver prescription drugs to patients.
- 3. Allows nationally accredited specialty pharmacies in Nebraska to participate in PBM networks by preventing PBMs from imposing unreasonable contract terms beyond the requirements for national accreditation.

| Principal Introducer: | |
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