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(Neb.)-State Lawmakers Give Okay On Health Exchange Oversight Bill



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Lawmakers are moving ahead with a commission that would keep watch on the federal government while it creates a health insurance exchange for Nebraska.

Lawmakers voted 28-0 to advance the measure, which would let the state offer recommendations to the federal government as the health care law moves forward.

Gov. Dave Heineman opted to let the federal government create and manage the exchange because he says it would cost Nebraska taxpayers too much if the state created it.

The commission would ensure there's transparency as the federal government creates the exchange. It will also give oversight and recommendations regarding implementation of the exchange.

The panel would be made up of Nebraska residents, a small business owner, and others from the health and health insurance industries.

The bill is LB384.