



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 210**

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**Hearing Date:** January 29, 2007  
**Committee On:** Business and Labor

**Introducer(s):** (Business and Labor Committee)  
**Title:** Change membership of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

6	Yes	Senators Cornett, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, Wallman, White
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Chambers

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**Proponents:**  
Introducer  
Fernando “Butch” Lecuano III

**Representing:**  
Business and Labor Committee  
Nebraska Dept. of Labor

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** LB 210 would streamline the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board (Board) by reducing its size and making it possible for the board to be more than just an advisory board. The Board currently has forty-seven members, and federal law requires that a majority of the Board must be members of the business community.

LB 210 would make the legislative members of the board non-voting members, and therefore the board could move beyond being merely an advisory board. The bill would also remove the mayors of both Lincoln and Omaha from membership on the board and would allow the Governor’s designated representative to vote on the board. These membership changes would result in an overall reduction from 47 to 39 members.

Finally, the bill would re-define quorum as 20 present voting members. The second page of this summary contains the statutory duties of this board.

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Section by Section Summary:

*Sub-Section 2:* Definitional Section; inserts “non-voting, ex-officio” to the legislative board members; strikes mayor members from inclusion on the Board;

*Sub-Section 3:* The Governor may designate a representative who shall be entitled to vote on matters brought before the board and shall be considered a member of the board for quorum purposes.

*Sub-Section 6:* inserts twenty voting members shall constitute a quorum and strikes a quorum “shall be a majority of its appointed members.”

**Explanation of amendments, if any:** Committee Amendment 252 makes changes to the quorum requirements, by re -defining quorum as: "A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board."

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**Senator Abbie Cornett, Chairperson**