



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 211**

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**Hearing Date:** January 22, 2007  
**Committee On:** Business and Labor

**Introducer(s):** (Business and Labor Committee)  
**Title:** Change Commission of Industrial Relations judges' compensation

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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:**

7	Yes	Senators Cornett, Chambers, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, Wallman, White
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**  
Mark McGuire  
Jeffery Orr

**Representing:**  
NSEA  
Commission of Industrial Relations

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** LB 211 is the product of interim study LR 303. This bill would amend Section 48-806 by increasing the daily compensation paid to the Judges of the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR). LB 211 would tie the CIR judge's per diem rate to the salary of a District Court Judge, which is statutorily defined as 92.5% of a Supreme Court justice's salary.

Currently, CIR judges receive \$250 plus travel reimbursement per day of work. This amount has not been adjusted since 1991.

As of July 1, 2006 a District Court Judge's annual salary is \$117,332.50. 1/20<sup>th</sup> of their monthly salary equates to \$488.89, which would be the daily equivalent paid to the CIR judges under this bill.

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**Explanation of amendments, if any:** The committee amendment strikes reference to "District" and inserts "County", effectively tying the C.I.R. judges' salaries to the salary of a County judge, which is statutorily defined as 90% of a Supreme Court justice's salary. The daily compensation would equate to \$475.67.

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**Senator Abbie Cornett, Chairperson**