



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 486

Chairperson: Deb Fischer
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: February 26, 2007

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

LB 486 requires railways located in the state of Nebraska to provide personnel to secure trains in unsecured locations with locomotive power attached within fifteen minutes after the expiration of the employees' allowable hours.

LB 486 provides for the Local Community Rail Security and Employee Education Act which would require railways located in Nebraska to establish risk assessment and infrastructure protection programs. These assessments would be provided to the Public Service Commission, Director of State Homeland Security, and Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

Personnel provided for and trained under this bill will better respond and prevent acts of terrorism, sabotage and other crimes. The bill will also provide for increased communication among railways with local and state first responders to better prepare and react to emergency situations.

The Public Service Commission shall review the infrastructure protection programs and shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this bill.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Amanda McGill