

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1055

Hearing Date: Monday February 01, 2010
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Carlson
One Liner: Change provisions relating to extended unemployment benefits

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Carlson, Council, Lathrop, McGill, Schilz, Wallman, White
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Carlson
Catherine Lang

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Department of Labor

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1055 clarifies the unemployment insurance extended benefit process. It also adds a new section allowing the State to utilize federal extended benefit dollars rather than paying one-half as current law provides.

Section 1: Elucidates the extended benefit process. States that when an individual's benefit year ends with a period of extended benefits, such benefits will be reduced for any amounts of trade readjustment allowances multiplied by the individual's weekly extended benefit amount. Defines rate of insured unemployment, regular benefits, off indicator and on indicator. Clarifies that the same rules for determining regular benefit eligibility apply to extended benefit eligibility. Sets the criteria for determining the extended benefit amount. Requires the commissioner to publicly announce when an extended benefit period will commence and when it will end. Allows the governor to accept federal extended benefit funds and that they be used before the state's extended benefit funds.

Section 2: Clarifies that suitable work means employment that pays more than the average weekly benefit amount payable during the applicable benefit year.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson