

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB979**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 09, 2010  
**Committee On:** Nebraska Retirement Systems  
**Introducer:** Nebraska Retirement Systems  
**One Liner:** Provide for the transition of certain employees to the State Employees Retirement System

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 6 Senators Heidemann, Karpisek, Louden, Mello, Nordquist, Pankonin  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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<b>Proponents:</b> Kate Allen Catherine Lang	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer Nebraska Department of Labor
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<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB979 was introduced on behalf of the Nebraska Department of Labor. In 1961 the Legislature authorized the Commissioner of Labor to establish an independent retirement plan for employees of the Department of Labor employed in the unemployment insurance and job service programs. By statute those employees were prohibited from becoming members of the State Employees Retirement System. In 1984 the Legislature closed the independent retirement plan to new membership.

LB979 provides that if the independent retirement plan is terminated by the Department of Labor, any active participants employed by the Department will immediately become members of, and vested in, the State Employees Retirement System, and will continue to accrue retirement benefits while employed with the state.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM1878 adds the emergency clause.

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Dave Pankonin, Chairperson