

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB259

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 08, 2011
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Fischer
One Liner: Change provisions relating to railroads

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Price
Nay:	1	Senator Louden
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Dusty Vaughan
Monty Fredrickson

Representing:

Introducing for Senator Deb Fischer
Nebraska Department of Roads

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 259 eliminates the Nebraska Railway Council.

Section 1 amends Sec. 37-914 to leave approval with the federal Surface Transportation Board when re-establishing a railroad in a right-of-way that has been turned over to the Game & Parks Commission for the rails-to-trail program.

Section 2 gives authority to the Department of Roads to oversee any outstanding agreement between a railroad and the Nebraska Railway Council.

Section 3 amends Sec. 74-1427 to add definitions found in other statutes that are outright repealed under the bill. This section of law pertains to local governments' taxing and bonding authority for rail line assistance purposes.

Section 5 outright repeals all statutory sections that create the Nebraska Railway Council and outline its administration and purpose.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson