

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB623**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 07, 2011  
**Committee On:** Business and Labor  
**Introducer:** Lautenbaugh  
**One Liner:** Change effect of Industrial Relation Act petitions and provide provisions for counties encompassing a city of the metropolitan class

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Ashford, Cook, Harr, Wallman, Lathrop
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Smith
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Carlson
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Proponents:**

Scott Lautenbaugh  
Patrick Bloomingdale

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Douglas County

**Opponents:**

Ross Stebbins  
Jim Maguire  
  
John Corrigan

**Representing:**

FOP Lodge #8  
Douglas County Deputies Union, Fraternal Order of  
Police Lodge #2  
NE AFL-CIO

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 623 is introduced on behalf of Douglas County. It prevents the CIR from issuing "status quo" orders prohibiting employers from altering an employee's status during the pendency of the proceeding. LB 623 prohibits the CIR from issuing orders that would affect or require good faith bargaining of county health insurance or pension provisions. LB 623 places requirements for determining an appropriate array for counties encompassing a city of the metropolitan class including: (1) the CIR must first consider public and private employers within the concerned metropolitan statistical area ("MSA"), (2) the CIR may only look outside the MSA for a comparable if there are not enough comparables within the MSA, (3) if it is appropriate to look outside the MSA, the CIR must first look for potential comparables within Nebraska, (4) if it is appropriate to look outside of Nebraska, the CIR is limited to a 500 mile radius with potential comparables that have a population no less than one-fourth and no greater than twice the size of the county involved in the industrial dispute.

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson