

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB738

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2012
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Gloor
One Liner: Change burial expense benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Wallman, Smith, Lathrop, Harr, Cook, Carlson, Ashford
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Mike Gloor
Daniel Naranjo
Albert DeLeon
Robert Hallstrom

Janet Lind
Gene Cary
Steve Howard
Rod Rehm

Representing:

Introducer
self
self
Nebraskans for Workers' Compensation Equity and Fairness (NWCEF)
self
self
Nebraska State AFL-CIO
Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Korby Gilbertson
Ron Sedlacek

Representing:

Property Casualty Insurers Association of America
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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

The current compensation for burial expenses for a work related fatality through workers compensation insurance is \$6,000, paid to dependents. This bill proposes to raise that to \$10,000. This amount was last raised in 1997.

In 2010, 19 deaths occurred on the job in Nebraska. In 2009, there were 16. In 2008, there were 16. The National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. estimates an overall impact of 0.0% on system costs.
