

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB468

Chairperson: Senator Jeremy Nordquist

Committee: Nebraska Retirement Systems

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2015

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

LB 468 creates a new tier of reduced benefits for judges who become members of the Judges' Retirement Plan on and after July 1, 2015. The reduced tier of benefits includes the following:

1. The maximum cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will be 1% unless the plan is 100% funded. If the plan is 100% funded, the Public Employees Retirement Board will have the authority to grant a supplemental COLA, which will be in addition to the 1% COLA. The supplemental COLA may not exceed 1.5%;
2. The final retirement benefit will be calculated using an average of the five highest years of salary; and
3. The contribution rate for judges in this tier will not decrease after 20 years.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist