

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB410

Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2017

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

LB 410 would increase the number of commissioners serving on the Public Service Commission from five to seven and would reconfigure the district boundaries represented by the Commission.

Under the bill, the \$75,000 annual salary of commissioners would be eliminated and replaced with a per diem of \$150 per day, not to exceed \$22,500 in one year. No other compensation or benefits would be allowed. LB 410 removes the prohibition of the commissioners to engage in any other occupation.

Finally, LB 410 clarifies the duties of the executive director and requires the Commission to elect from its members a chairperson who shall serve for a two-year term.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Smith