

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB260

Hearing Date: Monday January 25, 2021
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Hunt
One Liner: Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	4	Senators Blood, Hansen, M., Hunt, Lathrop
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	3	Senators Gragert, Halloran, Hansen, B.

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Megan Hunt
Scout Richters
Jina Ragland

Representing:

Introducer
ACLU of Nebraska
AARP Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Representing:

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Kristen Hassebrook
Bob Hallstrom

Representing:

NE Chamber
National Federation of Independent Business

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB260 would add "caring for a family member with a serious health condition" to the list of reasons that are considered good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under Nebraska Employment Security Law. Effectively, this would allow workers who have temporarily left work due to family caregiving needs, but who are seeking to return to work, to be eligible for unemployment benefits.

Serious health condition has the same meaning as in 29 U.S.C. 2611 (11): "serious health condition" means an illness,

injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves -inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility; or continuing treatment by a health care provider

Ben Hansen, Chairperson