



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LB 1168

Hearing Date: February 4, 2002
Committee On: Business and Labor

Introducer(s): (Business and Labor Committee)
Title: Create a task force to study fatigue as it relates to railroad employees

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Connealy, Vrtiska, Dierks, Hartnett, Preister, Schimek
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Chambers

Proponents:

Laurie Lage, Committee Counsel
Ray Lineweber
Ken Mass
Art Crawford

Marty Moody

Dennis Holland, Ph.D.
Roberto Munguia

Representing:

Business & Labor Committee, Introducer
United Transportation Union
Nebraska State AFL-CIO
International Association of Machinists and
Aerospace Workers
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Aerospace Workers
Union Pacific Railroad
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1168 would create the Fatigue Counter-Measure Task Force. The task force is to consist of members representing the Legislature, railroad management, Public Service Commission, railroad employees, and the public. The duties of the task force include researching fatigue as related to railroad employees. Topics may

include: health and safety evaluations; quality of life; causes of fatigue; what programs and practices are working to reduce fatigue; best practices for dissemination of educational material. The task force is to recommend actions and present its findings to the Legislature by December 1, 2002. The task force would terminate after presentation of the report.

This bill was introduced because of a consensus between railroad management and labor during an interim hearing held last fall, that it might be helpful to discuss fatigue issues directly related to Nebraska railroad workers.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment would clarify the number of task force members, and would replace the two additional members from the Legislature with two health or safety professionals who are knowledgeable in worker fatigue issues.

Senator Matt Connealy, Chairperson