



**Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 627**

Hearing Date: March 5, 2001
Committee On: Business and Labor

Introducers: (Beutler)
Title: Provide a minimum wage for state 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:

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| 5 | Yes | Connealy, Chambers, Hartnett, Preister, Schimek |
| 0 | No | |
| 2 | Present, not voting | Vrtiska, Dierks |
| 0 | Absent | |

Proponents:

Sen. Beutler
Cheryl Brown
Milo Mumgaard

Ken Mass
Jim Griess
Kevin Bernadt
Elizabeth Peterson
Sam M. Scarpello

Representing:

Introducer
NAPE/AFSCME
NE Appleseed Center for Law in the Public
Interest
NE State AFL-CIO
NE State Education Association
NAPE/AFSCME
NE Commission on the Status of Women
Omaha Federation of Labor
NE State Council of Electrical Workers
NE State Utility Workers Conference
Omaha Building & Construction Trades Council
Nebraskans For Peace

John Krejci

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes new language that defines full-time state employee and health care benefits.

New language is proposed that states that all full-time state employees shall receive a minimum wage of at least: (1) \$8.19 per hour for employees who receive health care benefits, and (2) \$9.01 per hour for employees who do not receive health care benefits under the state health care benefit plan.

The Department of Administrative Services is to adjust the minimum wage each July 1, beginning in 2002. The minimum wage for employees who receive health care benefits shall be 100% of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four, based on a 40 hour work week, 52 weeks per year. The minimum wage for employees who do not receive health care benefits shall be 110% of such guidelines.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment would, in the definition of a full-time state employee, exclude employees of the University of Nebraska and temporary employees. The amendment further proposes to clarify the definition of health care benefits by defining them as a state-sponsored or state-supported health insurance program.

Senator Matt Connealy, Chairperson