

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB960**

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**Hearing Date:** February 04, 2008

**Committee On:** Appropriations

**Introducer(s):** (Speaker Flood)

**Title:** Appropriate funds for employee pay and benefits

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Placed on General File with Amendments

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**Vote Results:**

8 Yes	Senators Engel, Fulton, Harms, Heidemann, Kruse, Nelson, Synowiecki, Wightman
1 No	Senators Nantkes
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

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**Proponents:**  
Gerry Oligmueller

**Representing:**  
Introducer - Governor Heineman

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:**

LB 960, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is part of the Governor's mid-biennium budget recommendation. The bill provides funding for (1) implementing the CIR salary ruling on NAPE/AFSCME represented employees, (2) salary adjustments in the classified system rules and regulations addressing pay equity issues related to the CIR ruling, and (3) above projected calendar year 2008 state employee health insurance rates.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The Committee amendment reassigns health insurance premium costs and salary adjustments to the Energy Office, which is proposed to be a separate agency, rather than a program within the Governor's Policy Research Office. A small increase of \$83 General is included as an adjustment associated with the CIR/compression issue.

Please refer to the "Appropriations Committee Budget Recommendations—March 2008" pages 24 and 25 for a discussion of the budget changes proposed and contained in LB 960.

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Senator Lavon Heidemann, Chairperson