ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB363

Hearing Date: Monday March 02, 2015

Committee On: Business and Labor

Introducer: Nordquist

One Liner: Provide time limits and penalties for late medical payments under the Nebraska Workers'

Compensation Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 6 Senators Bloomfield, Crawford, Ebke, Harr, Howard, Johnson

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Chambers

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:
Senator Jeremy Nordquist Introducer

Lee Loudon Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys

Steve Howard Nebraska State AFL-CIO

Opponents: Representing:

Ron Sedlacek Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, NFIB/NE, NWCEF

Tim Himes City of Omaha Eric Gerrard City of Lincoln

Neutral: Representing:

Richard Reiser Nebraska Trucking Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 363 amends section 48-125 concerning the payment of workers' compensation benefits. Specifically, LB 363 applies the same 30 day payment timeline and 50% late waiting time penalty that is currently applied to indemnity or wage replacement payments to late medical payments. Similar legislation was introduced in 2013.

Burke Harr, Chairperson