

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB404

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 31, 2017
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Groene
One Liner: Require a train crew of at least two individuals

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bostelman, Briese, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Murante, Smith
Nay:	1	Senator Hughes
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Groene
Bob Borgeson
Joe Meuser
Troy Merritt
Jerry Stilmock

Charles Bacon
Ron Trauermicht
Danny Crocker
Kevin Potthoff
Pat Pfeifer
Ruben Reisig
Jason Meyers
Jon Johnson
Lance Flohr
Richard Hedrick

Opponents:

Jeff Davis
Rocky Weber
Kelli O'Brien

Neutral:

Representing:

District 42
SMART-TD
Self
SMART-TD
NE State Volunteer Firefighters Association/NE Fire Chiefs Association
Self
SMART-TD
BLET
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BLET
SMART-TD
SMART-TD Local 626 - McCook, NE
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BLET
Self

Representing:

BNSF Railway
NE Cooperative Council
Union Pacific Railway

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 404 would enact a new provision of law requiring any train or light engine used in the connection with the movement of freight when operated to possess a crew of at least two individuals. For purposes of this section train or light engine moved in connection with the movement of freight does not include hostler service or utility employees.

Violations of the section will be enforced by the Public Service Commission as a civil offense. A violation of the section shall be not less than \$100 for a first offense not less than \$250 for a second offense committed within three years, and not less than \$500 for a third or subsequent offense committed within three years.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson