

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB428**

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**Chairperson: Senator Matt Hansen, M.**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: March 18, 2019**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB428 will make important adjustments to Nebraska's unemployment insurance provisions to accommodate the needs of Nebraska's highway contractors, providing them the ability to retain the workforce upon which they rely to do their work by allowing employees attached to an employer who are laid off due to the construction season schedule to collect unemployment benefits, as is currently allowed by the Nebraska Department of Labor. LB428 is also crafted to ensure that the Department of Labor can address their needs and concerns with respect to management of the program. It strikes a balance that all parties agree is to their benefit.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Curt Friesen