

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB395**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 26, 2023  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Erdman  
**One Liner:** Change the compensation of members of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Bostelman, Brandt, Cavanaugh, J., Fredrickson, Hughes, Jacobson, Moser, Slama

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Steve Erdman  
Dan Blankenau  
Stan Belieu  
Chris Peterson  
John Rundel

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Petroleum Producers Association  
Nebraska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission  
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**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

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

LB395, introduced by Senator Erdman, amends section 57-904 (Commission compensation) to increase the amount of allowable compensation to Oil and Gas Commissioners and to set future increases.

The 3-member Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's purpose is to oversee permitting of the development of Nebraska's oil and natural gas resources while promoting the health, safety, and environment of the residents of Nebraska.

The Commissioners receives compensation for each day actually devoted to the business of the commission. Currently, the Commissioners are compensated four hundred dollars (\$400) per day up to \$4,000

LB395 increases compensation to five hundred dollars (\$500) per day, eliminates the annual cap and provides for an automatic adjustment to reflect the percentage of change in the Consumer Price Index on July 1 of odd numbered years,

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beginning on July 1, 2025.

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Section by Section

Sec. 1 Changes to compensation and connecting future compensation to CPI p.2, Lines 19-26

Sec. 2 Repeal original section

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Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson