

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB461**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 07, 2025  
**Committee On:** Nebraska Retirement Systems  
**Introducer:** Juarez  
**One Liner:** Change provisions of the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 6 Senators Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Juarez, Sorrentino  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Rolf Kloch, LA to Senator Margo Juarez  
Scott Kuehl  
Lynn Rex  
Bryan D. Waugh

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska Professional Firefighters  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Police Chief Association of Nebraska

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB 461 would amend the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act to require that optional benefit forms available to firefighters in cities of the first class also include annual payments, quarterly payments, and monthly payments of the firefighter's retirement value. Currently, the only required optional benefit form under the Act is a single lump-sum payment.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 426 provides that optional benefit forms shall include a single lump-sum payment or one or more partial payments in an amount and frequency as elected by the firefighter.

AM 426 also adds an operative date of October 1, 2025.



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Beau Ballard, Chairperson



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