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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The precedent is important to me as well because I'm concerned. I don't want everybody coming in and saying I should get some living expenses. There is a delineation here. One is work load. The Public Service Commission does get reimbursed for mileage expenditures and, obviously, they meet on a lot less basis. And over the years, we just recently gave them mileage, I think some time in the last four or five years. But the problem there was that they...we had to also put in a quorum because they couldn't get enough members, there wasn't that much going on to even get them to meet. This board is extremely busy. It is a full time, acts and functions as a court. They're probably the only one that is out there statutorily that receive a salary that have that work load, and that's where I draw the line. The board that meets once a month, you know, and it's sort of a standards board and so on, they don't get a salary. Many of tho...I mean, many of those are getting mileage reimbursement just to serve there, and here we've got a full-time appointed commissioner system that she's not even getting her mileage to work, and she stays here during the week. So that's how I...I think the Public Service Commission is the only other thing that is anywhere close to the same situation.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: My memory is the same as yours. I concur with that and that is one of the reasons I wanted to bring this to the forefront. I can't recall of another board or commission that we have that's in this similar circumstances where it is a full-time job and demanded that it be geographically distributed and that type of thing, much as what you said. I wanted to emphasize that because I do agree with this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. There are no other lights on. Senator Kristensen, did you wish to close?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I would waive closing.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Closing is waived. The issue before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 32. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the