



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 220

Hearing Date: February 26, 2001
Committee On: Business and Labor

Introducers: (Tyson)
Title: Adopt the Municipal Comparability Act

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Connealy, Chambers, Hartnett, Preister, Schimek
1	No	Vrtiska
1	Present, not voting	Dierks
	Absent	

Proponents:

Sen. Gene Tyson
 Sheila Schukei
 Gary Krumland
 Ken Mass

Representing:

Introducer
 City of Norfolk
 League of Nebraska Municipalities
 Nebraska State AFL-CIO

Opponents:

Mike McDonnell
 Chris Abboud
 Bill Arfmann
 Sam M. Scarpello

Representing:

Nebraska Professional Firefighters
 Omaha Police Union
 NAPE/AFSCME 61
 Nebraska State Council of Electrical Workers
 Omaha Federation of Labor
 NE State Utility Worker Conference
 NE State Electrical Workers
 NE State Utility Workers

Richard Kuiper

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 220 proposes to create the Nebraska Municipality Comparability Act. The act would create the comparison guidelines that the Commission of Industrial Relations may make for industrial disputes involving municipal employees. The proposed guidelines are: first and second-class cities may not

use an array outside of the state unless (1) the population of the city in question exceeds 39,000 inhabitants, (2) the industrial dispute involves employees in a municipal power generation facility, or (3) the city is located within a metropolitan area in which a city of the metropolitan class is located.

A comparison may not include an employer in a metropolitan area if the municipality in litigation is not included in a metropolitan area, nor may it include an employer located in an area with more than double or less than half of the population of the municipality population that is the subject of litigation.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Matt Connealy, Chairperson