



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 477**

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**Hearing Date:** February 28, 2007

**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**Introducer(s):** (Wightman)

**Title:** Change contribution levels for state and political subdivision employee health plans

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**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:**

8	Yes	Senators Adams, Aguilar, Avery, Friend, Karpisek, Mines, Pahls, Rogert
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator John Wightman

**Representing:**

Introducer

**Opponents:**

Mike Marvin  
John Bonaiuto  
Ken Babcock  
Brian Mikkelsen  
Gary Krumland  
Beth Bazyn Ferrell  
Jack Cheloha

**Representing:**

Nebraska Association of Public Employees  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Lincoln Public Schools  
Nebraska State Education Association  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
City of Omaha

**Neutral:**

David Lechner

**Representing:**

University of Nebraska

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

LB 477 decreases the state contribution for health insurance for state employees over four years from the current 79% to 75% in 2011.

Additionally, the bill declares the intent of the Legislature that by 2012 political subdivisions will contribute no more than 75% of the employee health benefit plan. To achieve this intent, political subdivision contributions to employee health benefits plans will not exceed the percentages outlined in the bill without a percentage reduction in state aid to the political subdivision.

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The bill defines political subdivision as a county, municipal county, city, village, natural resource district, community college, and school district.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson**