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LB 229A, 660, 660A, 724A

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 229A advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 660A.

CLERK: (LB) 660A by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 660A is introduced for the purpose of carrying out LB 660, which we advanced earlier this week. This would be for a staff position to represent the department at hearings, drafting orders, motions, pleadings, et cetera, doing investigation of certain consumer complaints, but also would be primarily responsible for the drafting of proposed rules and regulations to implement LB 660. And if you look at the original fiscal note, there was a secretarial position, I believe, has been funded in the mainline budget. That's not included in the A bill, but the other staff position has. And this is roughly \$43,900 for the first year, well, it's roughly \$44,000 on an ongoing basis for the purposes of carrying out the additional duties that will be necessary for doing the work of the Public Service Commission because of 660. I'd urge its adoption and advancement to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the opening. Senator Kristensen, does that constitute your closing? There are no further lights on.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Mr. President, it does.

SPEAKER WITHEM: All of those in favor of advancing LB 660A vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 660A.

SPEAKER WITHEM: (LB) 660A advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 724A.

CLERK: (LB) 724A by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.