

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB449

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 04, 2009
Committee On: Nebraska Retirement Systems
Introducer: Campbell
One Liner: Change disability retirement allowance provisions of the School Employees Retirement Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 6 Senators Heidemann, Karpisek, Louden, Mello, Nordquist, Pankonin
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Kathy Campbell
Pearl Van Zandt
Carlos Servan
Karen Lemmons

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Nebraska Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Self

Opponents:

Joe Schaefer

Representing:

Public Employees Retirement Board

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 449 would allow a person under age 65 who has been certified by a physician as permanently disabled to return to work as a school employee and continue to collect full disability retirement allowance as long as the employee's monthly income does not exceed the applicable Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) amounts determined by the Social Security Administration for blind and non-blind persons.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee Amendment makes the following changes:

1. Strikes the income limitation; and
2. Limits a disability beneficiary employee's hours of work to less than 15 hours per week.

Dave Pankonin, Chairperson