

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB151

Hearing Date: Monday January 24, 2011
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Lathrop
One Liner: Change location, hearing, and document provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Ashford, Carlson, Cook, Harr, Lathrop, Smith, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
Steve Lathrop
Glenn Morton
Jerry Stilmock

Michael High

Opponents:

Neutral:
James Michael Fitzgerald

Representing:
Introducer
NE Workers' Compensation Court
Nebraskans for Workers' Compensation Equity and Fairness, National Federation of Independent Businesses
self

Representing:

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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 151 is introduced on behalf of the Workers' Compensation Court. Current law specifies that the court must maintain offices in the State Capitol. LB 151 removes this requirement. LB 151 additionally allows telephonic and videoconferencing for nonevidentiary hearings and evidentiary hearings if stipulated by the parties.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment amends section 48-153 by removing language requiring judges to reside in Lancaster County unless the court approves residence outside Lancaster County. The amendment additionally incorporates principles from LB 238 and LB 346. LB 238 removes the three judge panel appellate procedure and LB 346 provides the court with contempt powers.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson