

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB211

Hearing Date: Monday February 27, 2017
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Hansen
One Liner: Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:
Aye: 4 Senators Chambers, Crawford, Hansen, Howard
Nay: 3 Senators Albrecht, Halloran, Lowe
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Joey Adler
Susan Martin
Jillian Carter
Ben Kruse
Ken Smith

Tom Broder

Opponents:

Jim Partington

Neutral:

Representing:

Legislative Aide for Senator Hansen
President, Nebraska AFL-CIO
Self
Director of Communications, Center for People in Need
Staff Attorney, Economic Justice Program, Nebraska
Appleseed
Self and other servers

Representing:

Executive Director, Nebraska Restaurant Association

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Sec. 1. increases the minimum wage for people paid by tips. Currently, those individuals are paid cash wages at a minimum rate of \$2.13/hour. LB 211 increases that wage to 40% of the regular minimum wage rate in effect for wages paid between August 1, 2017 and before January 1, 2018, resulting in a \$3.60/hour wage.

For wages paid on or after January 1, 2018, the minimum wage for tipped workers would be 50% of the regular minimum wage rate in effect, resulting in a \$4.50/hour wage.

Sec. 2. requires employers to post a summary of the Wage and Hour Act, including the minimum wage amounts in effect under the Act. The summaries would be provided by the Commissioner of Labor at no cost.

Sec. 3. repealer.

Sec. 4. emergency clause.

Joni Albrecht, Chairperson