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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB598

Chairperson: Senator Joni Albrecht

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: March 20, 2017

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 598 requires the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) to take into consideration local economic factors in its determination of wages and benefits in cases brought before them.

The CIR will require information from the Census Bureau, from the U.S. Department of Labor, the Nebraska Department of Labor, and from the local business community for consideration in its findings.

Currently, local labor market factors are not included in the process. This can create wage and benefit discrepancies with government employment that is not matching the local economy. These local factors will assist in getting equitable solutions for taxpayers and government employees involved in the CIR process.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Groene