

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB256

Hearing Date: Monday February 01, 2021
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Hansen, M.
One Liner: Change provisions relating to lump-sum settlement approval and the filing of releases under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Blood, Gragert, Halloran, Hansen, B., Hunt, Hansen, M., Lathrop
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Matt Hansen
Dallas Jones

Bob Hallstrom
John Rehm

Opponents:

Neutral:

Jill Schroeder

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraskans for Workers' Compensation Equity and Fairness
NFIB, NWCEF, NCCI
NE Association of Trial Attorneys

Representing:

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NE Workers' Compensation Court

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB256 expands the circumstances when a claim under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act can be paid in lump-sum payments rather than periodic payments. Under current law, when an employer and an injured employee or their dependents agree that an amount due should be paid in a lump-sum payment, the settlement must be submitted for approval to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court if the employee is eligible or will soon become eligible for Medicare. LB256 removes the need to submit a settlement for approval for lump-sum payments if future health care services are not a part of the settlement.

Any settlement affected by LB256 will require all parties to be represented by counsel.

Ben Hansen, Chairperson