

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB426**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: January 30, 2023**

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

LB426 would reduce the number of judges on the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court from seven to six. The number of judges that sit on the Court is set by statute. The workload of the judges of the Compensation court has been reduced due to statutory changes, declining litigation and a reduction of workplace injuries. In order to promote the efficient administration of justice, the number of judges should be reduced from seven to six to reflect the reduced workload of the adjudication branch of the Court.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Merv Riepe**