

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB541

Hearing Date: Friday February 22, 2013
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Chambers
One Liner: Prohibit arbitration of claims involving disciplinary actions against peace officers

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Ashford, Chambers, Christensen, Coash, Davis, Lathrop,
McGill, Seiler

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
SEN. ERNIE CHAMBERS

Representing:
INTRODUCER

Opponents:
BILL MUELLER

Representing:
NE STATE TROOPERS

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 541 would amend section 25-2602.01 (Validity of arbitration agreement.) of the Nebraska Revised Statutes to provide that contracts between employers and employees that contain provisions for when disputes be sent to an arbitrator shall not pertain to a claim involving disciplinary action against a peace officer.

Current statute exempts from arbitration, claims for workers compensation.

Explanation of amendments:

AM491 provides that a claim involving disciplinary action against a law enforcement officer submitted to arbitration under the Uniform Arbitration Act, shall have all proceedings open to the public and all documents and reports connected with the proceedings shall be public record. AM491 also provides that any decision rendered may be appealed to the district court in the same manner as an appeal from a county court.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson