

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB209

Hearing Date: Friday January 23, 2015
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Hilkemann
One Liner: Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Chambers, Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

SEN. ROBERT HILKEMAN
JACK CHELOHA

Representing:

INTRODUCER
CITY OF OMAHA

Opponents:

ROBERT CANNELLA
MICHAEL SMITH
RANDY SCHMAILZL

Representing:

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
SARPY COUNTY
METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Neutral:

TIM TEXEL

Representing:

NEBRASKA POWER REVIEW BOARD

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 209 would require political subdivisions to enter into mandatory mediation prior to commencement of litigation regarding a dispute between two or more political subdivisions.

Political subdivision is defined to mean villages, cities or all classes, counties, school districts, learning communities, community colleges, sanitary and improvement districts, public power districts, and other units of local government, including entities created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or Joint Public Agency Act.

Mediation is defined by reference to 25-2931 as "a process in which a mediator facilitates communication and negotiation between parties to assist them in reaching a voluntary agreement regarding their dispute."

Les Seiler, Chairperson