

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB599

Hearing Date: Monday February 02, 2015
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Ebke
One Liner: Provide a minimum wage for certain young student workers

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 4 Senators Bloomfield, Ebke, Johnson, McCollister
Nay: 3 Senators Harr, Chambers, Crawford
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Laura Ebke
Kathy Siefken

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association

Opponents:
Jason Hayes
Rodney D. Vlcek

Representing:
Nebraska State Education Association
Nebraska State AFL-CIO

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 599 requires employers to pay wages of \$7.25 an hour to young student workers. Of the employer's workforce, no more than one-fourth of the total hours paid can be at this rate.

Young student workers are those who are 18 years old or younger, attend a public or private high school and are not student-learners employed as part of a bona fide vocational training program or are paid according to section 48-1203.01.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 526 would amend the young student workers wage rate from \$7.25 an hour to a rate of at least \$8.00 an hour. The operative date of the bill would be January 1, 2016.

Burke Harr, Chairperson