



## Legislative Update

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December 12, 2007

The Public Hearing on LR 197 was heard by the Business and Labor Committee on 11/13/2007 at the Capitol Building in Lincoln, NE. Several counselors attended the hearing and resistive in front of the Business and Labor Committee. Mike Newman provided a brief history of vocational rehabilitation. Lori Peterson defined job placement services. Holly Berquist presented a case study showing the long delays in the system. Patricia Reilly spoke of the many interfering factors faced by our typical clients. Karen Stricklett summarized and offered a letter written by a client of one of her staff who reported how vocational rehabilitation services had assisted her to return to work. Other NE IARP members who attended included Paulette Freeman, Lisa Porter and Gayle Hope. Everyone's testimony appeared to be well received. At this point, we are waiting to see if any legislation comes out of the meeting. We will try to keep you informed, but please don't hesitate to contact me if you hear of any new changes coming about.

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