

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB1129**

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**Hearing Date:** February 19, 2008

**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications

**Introducer(s):** (Flood)

**Title:** Change provisions relating to highway planning

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Placed on General File

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**Vote Results:**

8 Yes	Senators Aguilar, Fischer, Hudkins, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Pedersen, Schimek, Stuthman
0 No	
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Mike Flood  
Charles Thone  
Deborah Crago  
Susan Wiedeman  
Rawnda Pierce  
Richard A. Houck  
Robert Houston

**Representing:**

Introducer, District 19  
Pan American Highway Association  
Heartland Expressway Coalition  
City of Gering  
Twin Cities Development Inc.  
City of Alliance  
Nebraska Transport Co. Logistics Manager

Robert L. Busch  
Kim Baliman

Joe Kiely  
Jerrod Haberman  
Vayden Anderson  
R. J. Baker

Roger R. Wehrbein

Ervin L. Portis  
Dan S. Mauk  
J. Paul McIntosh  
Karen Anderson

J. J. Snodgrass  
Grace Gerrard  
Scott McHenry  
Marlene Johnson  
Erik Hash

Loran Schmit  
K. C. Belitz  
Kem Cavanah  
Daryl Wilton  
Robert J. Giese  
Jack Vavra  
Arnie Otten  
Joel Hansen  
Michael Nolan  
Clark Boslhult  
E. A. Sam Schroeder  
John Craig  
Douglas Leafgreen

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

Self  
Kimball Banner County Chamber of  
Commerce Forward Kimball Industries  
Kimball Visitors Committee Kimball Business  
Boosters Kimball Area Foundation  
PortstoPlains Trade Corridor  
Panhandle Area Development District  
Stromsburg Chamber of Commerce  
Elkhorn Valley Economic Development  
Council  
Cass County Economic Development  
Commission  
City of Plattsmouth  
Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce  
Self  
Heartland Expressway & Scottsbluff/Gering  
United Chamber  
Nucor Cooperation  
City of Stromsburg Mayor  
UNL Student  
City of West Point League of Municipalities  
Behlen Mfg. Co. Director of Business  
Development General Counsel  
Self  
Columbus Area Chamber  
Schuyler Development Company  
York County Economic Development  
City of South Sioux  
City of York  
Pan American Highway Association  
City of Wayne  
City of Norfolk  
Director of Public Works City of Fremont  
Nebraska Highway 35 Association  
Nebraska Department of Roads  
Scotts Bluff County Commissioners  
Heartland Expressway Committee

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:**

LB 1129 adds factors for the Department of Roads (DOR) to consider when establishing highway priorities.

DOR is responsible for developing a specific and long-range state highway system plan. In establishing priorities, DOR shall consider factors that include: traffic volume, safety, economic development, demographic trends, and maintenance and enhancement of the quality of life.

The bill adds two additional factors when establishing priorities:

1. the ability of cities with 15,000 residents or more to access the Interstate through a completed expressway; and
2. the impact of uncompleted portions of the expressway system on the economic development of the cities along the expressway.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson