



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LR 13**

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**Hearing Date:** February 13, 2007  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs

**Introducer(s):** (White)

**Title:** Provide the Legislature encourages public fire departments to implement national fire safety guidelines

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

- X Advanced to the Floor
  - Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

7	Yes	Senator Friend, Cornett, Janssen, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Tom White  
Mike McDonnell

**Representing:**

Introducer  
NE Pro. Firefighters

**Opponents:**

None

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Jerry Stilmock  
Lynn Rex

**Representing:**

NE State Volunteer Fire Assoc.  
League of NE Municipalities

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** This resolution (in the body of its text) addresses itself to “professional” firefighters, recognizing their role in protecting the safety of Nebraska’s families and communities, and emphasizing the importance of “adequate staffing” during fire suppression operations.

Additionally, it would state that every paid, professional department in the state should follow “Guideline 1710” of the National Fire Protection Association.

Finally, in the “therefore” clause it place the Legislature on the record as formally encouraging “public fire departments” to read and implement national fire safety guidelines, including those of the National Fire Protection Association.

The “therefore” clause addresses itself to “public fire departments” (i.e. all fire departments, whether paid or volunteer), so it should be noted that there are two major

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National Fire Protection Association guidelines: NFPA 1710 for paid departments (“Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments”) and NFPA 1720 for volunteer departments (“Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments”). The resolution therefore exhorts each type of fire department to follow its appropriate national guideline.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:** None.

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**Senator Mike Friend, Chairperson**