

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1006

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 22, 2012
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Fulton
One Liner: Change bidding provisions relating to vendors who are blind or visually impaired

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Price, Seiler, Sullivan, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Tony Fulton
Peggy (Pearl) Van Zandt
Carlos Servan
Mark Bulger
Brad Meurrens

Representing:

Introducer
Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Commission for the Blind
American Council of the Blind of Nebraska
Nebraska Advocacy Services

Opponents:

Steve Sulek

Representing:

Department of Administrative Services

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Currently, blind or visually impaired persons are authorized to operate vending facilities in any federal owned or state owned building. With vending facilities in any state-owned building, priority is given to blind persons, except for Game and Parks Commission or the University of Nebraska.

LB 1006 provides that the priority will only be given if the product price in the bid submitted is comparable in price to the product price in the other bids submitted for products sold in similar buildings or on similar property and the qualifications and capabilities of the vendors bidding the contract are found to be similar to other bidders. The current language provides the priority is only given if the bid submitted is comparable to the other bids submitted and the qualifications and capabilities of the vendors are similar to other vendors.

Bill Avery, Chairperson