

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB335**

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**Chairperson: Senator Amanda McGill**

**Committee: Urban Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 25, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 335 provides a waiver of municipal bidding procedures if necessary to comply with any grant, loan, or program. Section 1 and 2 of the bill provide the waiver for cities of the metropolitan class and the primary class. Section 3 amends Neb.Rev.Stat. §16-321.01 for cities of the first class, and section 4 amends §17-568.02 for cities of the second class and villages.

Questions were raised recently when cities were eligible to apply for federal stimulus grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program. A requirement of the grant was to "Buy American" during the bidding process. There was concern that this requirement could conflict with a "lowest responsible bidder" requirement. The intent of LB 335 is to clarify the possible conflict.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Amanda McGill**