

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB224

Hearing Date: Friday February 01, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Janssen
One Liner: Provide veterans preference for public contracts as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price, Scheer, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Charlie Janssen
Shane Osborn
Greg Holloway

Representing:

Introducer
American Ex-Prisoners of War
Disabled American Veterans

Opponents:

Curtis Smith

Representing:

Nebraska Chapter of Associated General Contractors

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 224 amends the resident bidder preference statute to provide that a resident disabled veteran will be allowed a preference over any other resident or nonresident bidder.

Current law provides that when a public contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, a resident bidder is allowed a preference over a nonresident bidder from a state that gives a preference to bidders from that state.

Under the bill, resident disabled veteran means an individual who resides in Nebraska, who served in the US Armed Forces, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), and who possesses a disability rating letter issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service-connected disability or a disability determination.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment contains two provisions.

First, the amendment provides that a resident disabled veteran is allowed a preference over any other resident or nonresident bidder if all other factors are equal.

The second provision changes the definition of resident disabled veteran. The amendment provides that a resident

disabled veteran is someone who owns and controls a business not less than 51% of which is owned by one or more resident disabled veterans or, in the case of a publicly owned business, not less than 51% of the stock is owned by resident disabled veterans. Further, the management and daily business operations must be controlled by one or more resident disabled veterans.

Bill Avery, Chairperson