

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB364

Hearing Date: Friday February 22, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Permit government bodies to set limits on certain contracts

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 Bill Avery Jeff Kirkpatrick Jack Gould Gary Krumland Frank Daley	Representing: Introducer City of Lincoln Common Cause Nebraska League of Nebraska Municipalities Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 364 allows a government body to prohibit contracts over a specific dollar amount in which a public official or a public employee of such body may have an interest.

Currently, public officials and employees may enter into contracts with their governing body if the contract is valued at less than \$2000. If the contract is awarded through an open and public process, a public employee or official may have a contract valued over \$2000.

This bill would allow a governing body to set a stricter standard for the body's employees and officials when entering into contracts with the body.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment limits the scope of the original bill. With the amendment, only metropolitan, primary, and first class cities may prohibit contracts over a specific dollar amount where a public official or public employee of that city may have an interest.

Bill Avery, Chairperson