

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB55**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 28, 2013  
**Committee On:** Revenue  
**Introducer:** Wightman  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to reassumption of assessment function by counties

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Hadley, Hansen, Harr, Janssen, McCoy, Pirsch, Schumacher, Sullivan  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Sen. John Wightman  
Bob Missel  
Dick Erickson  
Justin Brady  
Larry Dix

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Dodge Co.  
Dakota Co.  
Scott Davis  
NACO

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

The bill as drafted would change provisions of property assessment duties of county government. Several years ago the Legislature chose to shift back to counties the duties of assessment which had been assumed by the state Department of Property Assessment and Taxation. The issue addressed by the bill as the transfer of contracts made by the state and the transfer of those contracts to the local county assessor.

Language on transfer of contracts is changed from SHALL to MAY, giving local officials the option of ending or continuing the contracts.

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Galen Hadley, Chairperson