

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB7

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 23, 2013
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Change and eliminate provisions relating to signatures and seals under the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Watermeier
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Krist
Jon Wilbeck
Terry Atkins
Joseph Kohout
Sara Kay
Jay G. Davis

Representing:

District 10
Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
Professional Engineers Coalition
American Institute of Architects, NE Chapter
City of Omaha

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB7 eliminates the requirement of both a signature and a seal under the statute, requiring only a seal by a licensed architect or professional engineer in each technical submission filed or issued for public record. The bill modifies the requirements of the seal so the contents are consistent regardless of whether the seal is submitted electronically or in writing. It also requires the seal contain the language "State of Nebraska" and "Architect" or "Professional Engineer." LB 7 prohibits the architect, or professional, from affixing their seal to required technical submissions unless the submissions were prepared by the architect, under his or her direct supervision, or by an agent thereof. The bill removes the requirement of an electronic revision approval system.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson