

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB699**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 19, 2016  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Mello  
**One Liner:** Change the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Crawford, Ebke, Hansen, Howard, Hughes, McCollister
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Coash
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Heath Mello  
Julia Plucker  
Jennifer Creager  
Charles Gould  
Jack Cheloha  
Lynn Rex

**Representing:**

District 5  
Omaha Municipal Land Bank  
Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce  
Omaha Together One Community  
City of Omaha  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 699 would make several changes to the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act:

- Changes requirements related to land bank board members
  - Clarifies that municipalities may include use for urban agricultural activities among the hierarchical ranking of priorities established for a land bank
  - Changes the due date and reporting requirements for the annual report of a land bank
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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment AM 1861 replaces the bill.

AM 1861 includes the provisions of LB 699, and would also add a requirement that the board of a land bank include one member of the governing body of the municipality that created the land bank as a non-voting member. In cases where a land bank was created by multiple municipalities, the governing body of each municipality that created the land bank would have one member of the board as a non-voting member.

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Sue Crawford, Chairperson