

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB857

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 16, 2016
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Hadley
One Liner: Change population threshold for a city of the first class to employ a full-time fire chief

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Coash, Ebke, Hansen, Howard, Hughes, McCollister
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Crawford

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Galen Hadley
Jim Tacha
Jason Whalen
Jerry Stillmock

Gary Krumland

Representing:

District 37
Kearney Volunteer Fire Department
City of Kearney
Nebraska State Volunteer Fire Association/Nebraska
Fire Chiefs Association
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents:

Darren Garrean

Representing:

Nebraska Professional Firefighters Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 857 would increase the population threshold for cities of the first class that are required to employ a full-time paid fire chief from 37,500 to 45,000.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2240 changes the new population threshold in the bill from 45,000 to 41,000.

Sue Crawford, Chairperson