

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB117**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: March 04, 2015**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of the changes proposed through LB 117 is to increase the likelihood of governmental units choosing long-term energy solutions that provide the greatest savings to the taxpayers and the greatest savings in our natural resources.

Governmental units have the ability to enter into an energy savings contract with a vendor to pay for energy savings updates that they can pay back over time through the savings that they realize in using the more efficient systems.

Currently, the law states that this type of cost savings can only take place in existing facilities, it does not include a newly proven program for energy efficiency, and it does not require verification to provide objective information to governmental units before entering into any contracts.

LB 117 both updates and clarifies the existing law to address these issues.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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