

**Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB16**

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**Chairman: Senator John Murante**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 22, 2015**

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

LB 16 provides quality jobs to people with disabilities by implementing the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act. The purpose of this Act is to further the policy of the State to encourage and assist individuals who are blind or have other disabilities to achieve maximum personal independence through useful, productive, and gainful employment by assuring an extended and constant market for their commodities and services, thereby enhancing their dignity and capacity for self-support through meaningful employment. This Act covers any political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, having its own purchasing agency and includes governmental subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, counties, municipalities, school districts, and any other public bodies supported in whole or in part by the Nebraska Legislature.

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

**Senator Bob Krist, District 10**