ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB733

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 16, 2018

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer: Thibodeau

One Liner: Change provisions relating to licenses of county highway and city street superintendents

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Bostelman, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Murante, Smith

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Briese

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:
Theresa Thibodeau Legislative District 6

Kyle Schneweis Nebraska Department of Transportation

Chris Jacobsen Nebraska Board of Engineers

Steve Riehle Hall County Highway Department/Nebraska Association

of County Highway Superintendents

Beth Bazyn Ferrell Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB733 would amend current sections of Nebraska law relating to licensed county highway and city street superintendents. There are two levels of licenses for both highway and street superintendents, Class B, which is the entry-level license, and Class A.

Section 1 of the bill amends Section 39-2308 to provide that Class B licenses, when issued, would be valid for three years for a thirty dollar fee, rather than renewable annually for ten dollars. It also provides that the holder of a Class B license, if he or she also holds a Class A license, will have the Class B license extended to coincide with the expiration period of the Class A license. Class A licenses are issued for three-year periods.

Section 2 amends Section 39-2308.01 to provide that the holder of a Class B license may apply for a Class A license if he or she has work experience comparable to a street or highway superintendent for four years (current law) or on at least a half-time basis within the past eight years (new provision).

Section 3 amends Section 39-2308.03 to provide that holders of both county highway superintendent and city street superintendent licenses shall be placed on the same three-year renewal cycle as the license holder's initial license, in the case of future applicants who currently hold one license but wish to receive the other.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson