

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB825**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 17, 2018  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Brewer  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to budgets and public hearing notice for certain governmental entities

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Blood, Brewer, Briese, Hilgers, Lowe, Murante, Thibodeau  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:** 1 Senator Wayne  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Tom Brewer  
Russ Karpisek

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Auditor of Public Accounts

**Opponents:**  
Lynn Rex  
Terry Jessen

**Representing:**  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Self

**Neutral:**  
Deann Haeffner

**Representing:**  
State Auditors Office

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

LB 825 has two substantive provisions.

First, it eliminates references to and authorization for "qualified sinking funds." These funds were previously maintained separately from a governmental unit's general fund and were used to make advanced payments for tangible personal property with a useful life of five or more years.

Second, if a governmental unit seeks to exceed its budget's allowable growth percentage via the approval of the voters present at a meeting of the unit's governing board, the bill limits the period this authority can be exceeded to 1 year.

Section 4 conforms law to previously enacted legislation.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 2287 eliminates the first substantive provision from the bill, which eliminates opposition to the bill.

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John Murante, Chairperson