

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB887**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 18, 2018  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Murante  
**One Liner:** Clarify requirements for exceeding budget limitations under the Nebraska Budget Act

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 6 Senators Brewer, Briese, Hilgers, Lowe, Murante, Thibodeau  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:** 2 Senators Blood, Wayne

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator John Murante

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**  
Jeff Kirkpatrick

**Representing:**  
City of Lincoln

**Neutral:**  
Beth Bazyn Ferrell

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Association of County Officials

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

LB 887 would require that, in order for a governmental unit to have the authority to exceed its budget authority, 75% of all members of the governing body of the unit vote to exceed the unit's budget authority.

Current law requires a vote of 75% of those members voting.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 1781 does not change the original bill, but adds a restriction to the ability of primary class cities to enter into installment contracts.

The amendment limits the aggregate principal amount of such contracts to 20% of the general obligation bond debt approved by the voters of the city.

