

# One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB482

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**Chairperson: Senator John Murante**

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

**Date of Hearing: February 24, 2017**

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

LB 482 allows for the adoption of the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act. The purposes of the act are to provide for the efficient procurement of goods and services by governmental units and to promote the economical, nondiscriminatory and efficient administration and completion of publicly-funded construction projects.

Under the bill, the State of Nebraska and all political subdivisions shall ensure that all requests for proposals, bid specifications, procurement procedures or any other controlling document for public contract does not include:

- a term that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages bidders or contractors from entering into or adhering to a collective-bargaining agreement; or
- a term that discriminates against bidders or contractors based on status as party or nonparty to, or the willingness or refusal to enter into, a collective-bargaining agreement relating to the public contract.

The bill does not prohibit employers or other parties from entering into any agreement or engaging in any other activity protected under federal law including the National Labor Relations Act.

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

Senator Jim Smith