

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB117**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 22, 2019  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Hilgers  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to bridge and highway construction contracts, certification of financial showing, and obtaining contract plans prepared by the Department of Transportation

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Bostelman  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Hilgers  
Kyle Schneweis

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
NE Dept of Transportation

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 117 amends four sections of law relating to bidders for road and bridge construction contracts.

Section 1 amends Section 39-1351 by reducing the time for prequalification applications filed with the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) from 10 days before the bid letting to 5 days, unless fewer than 5 days is specified by the NDOT. It also amends the criteria for prequalification approval by inserting language relating to bonding capacity or other sufficient financial showing deemed sufficient by NDOT, and striking language relating to equipment and financial resources.

Section 2 amends Section 39-1352 by removing a requirement that a CPA or permitted public accountant certify financial information provided by prospective bidders. Section 3 amends Section 39-1353 to harmonize language relating to bids from pre-qualified bidders.

Section 4 amends Section 39-1354 to allow NDOT, in its discretion, to provide paper or electronic reproductions of plans to prospective bidders. Current law allows NDOT to receive reimbursement not to exceed the expense of reproducing the plans.

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