

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB348

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 12, 2019
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Quick
One Liner: Adopt changes to the state building code

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Arch, Briese, Crawford, Hansen, M., Hunt, Wayne
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Lowe

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Quick
James Harper
Dave Johnson
Steve Nordhues
Tyler Glesne

Richard Hauffe
David Holtzclaw
Lash Chaffin

Representing:

Legislative District #35
Self
American Institute of Architects Nebraska (AIA, NE)
Nebraska Code Officials Association
American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and
Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) NE Chapter
International Code Council
Self
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 348 would update the state building code by adopting the 2018 edition of the following codes:

1. The International Building Code (IBC), which covers all new construction except one- and two-family dwellings;
2. The International Residential Code (IRC), which covers new construction of one- and two-family dwellings; and
3. The International Existing Building Code (IEBC), which covers repair, alteration, addition, and change of occupancy for existing buildings.

LB 348 would retain three current exceptions contained in the state building code. First, LB 348 would not adopt Chapter 13 of the 2018 IBC and Chapter 11 of the 2018 IRC, which correspond with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The current state energy code is the 2009 IECC.

Second, LB 348 would not adopt Section R313 of the 2018 IRC, which requires that new one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses include a fire sprinkler system. Under the bill, the state building code would continue to exclude the residential fire sprinkler mandate, but political subdivisions would retain the ability to opt-in to the fire sprinkler mandate.

Finally, LB 348 would retain the change to occupancy classifications in the 2018 IBC which relate to in-home daycares and in-home care facilities. Under the bill, the occupancy provisions would continue to apply to facilities for or having twelve or fewer occupants.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson