

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB890

Hearing Date: Thursday January 23, 2020
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Hilgers
One Liner: Provide for water, wastewater, utility, and sewer construction projects under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Brewer, Hansen, M., Hilgers, Hunt, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Blood

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Mike Hilgers
Tom Casady
Christy Abraham
Don Wesely

Representing:
Introducer
City of Lincoln
League of NE Municipalities and City of Omaha
Greater Nebraska Cities

Opponents:
Matt Bevinston

Representing:
National Utility Contractors Association of Nebraska

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would modify the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act to authorize political subdivisions to use design-build contracts and construction manager at-risk contracts for water, wastewater, utility, and sewer construction projects.

Design-build contracts involve delivery of both design and construction services by a single firm. Construction management at-risk contracts include a commitment by a construction manager to completion of a project for a guaranteed maximum price.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment requires that a resolution by a governing body to use design-build or construction management at-risk delivery contracts for a particular project must include a finding that using that method is in the public interest because of a time or cost savings, or because there is a requirement of specialized or complex construction methods suitable for one of these modes of service delivery.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson