

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB117**

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**Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: January 22, 2019**

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

LB 117 will change the way a contractor becomes prequalified to bid on projects let by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) by using a bonding agency to assess the financial capability of a contractor by furnishing a bonding capacity certification to the NDOT. Bonding Agencies are typically better positioned to make this determination, as they are issuing a contract bond guaranteeing the performance of the contract; so their investment of time in gauging a contractor's ability is a much better indicator of financial ability to perform a contract.

The bill would also authorize NDOT to issue certain bid documents via electronic means rather than paper. This modern method is more efficient and less costly.

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

Senator Mike Hilgers