

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB543**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

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

**Date of Hearing: March 07, 2019**

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

LB543 seeks to change the timing of the approval and filing of payment bonds from prior to the contract being signed to after the contract is signed, but prior to the purchase of any construction material or the state of construction. Surety companies cannot issue payment bonds on a contract until the contract is in existence.

The bill also removes the requirement of promulgating rules and regulations beyond the existing statutes for the review of personal service contracts that displace permanent state employees as well as rules and regulations pertaining to the use of state-owned and personal vehicles for official state business.

Finally, the bill includes deputy directors and attorneys of all agencies as discretionary personnel.

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

Senator John Lowe