

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB139

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 26, 2011
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Lautenbaugh
One Liner: Change surplus property sale provisions of the County Purchasing Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Avery, Brasch, Karpisek, Price, Schumacher, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent: 2 Senators Janssen, Pahls
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Scott Lautenbaugh	Introducer
Brent Smoyer	Lancaster County Board
William Jarrett	Lancaster County Sheriff
Beth Bazyn Ferrell	Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents: **Representing:**

Neutral: **Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 139 amends the County Purchasing Act to provide that the county board may authorize a county official to sell surplus property, including mobile equipment, that is obsolete or unusable that has a value of less than \$2500. Current law allows a county to sell surplus property that has a value of less than \$500 and it excludes mobile equipment from being sold as surplus property.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment replaces the original sections of the bill.

With the amendment, a separate section is created for "mobile equipment." The amendment allows a county official or employee, with the approval of the county board, to sell surplus, obsolete mobile equipment that has a value of less than \$5000. If the value of the surplus mobile equipment is over \$5000, it must be sold through competitive bidding.

The amendment allows a county official or employee, with the approval of the county board, to sell all other types of surplus, obsolete property that has a value of less than \$2500. This is an increase from the current value of \$500.

Finally, the amendment harmonizes the new provisions of this amendment with the current provisions in the County Budget Act regarding the dollar threshold of disposing of surplus property.

Bill Avery, Chairperson