

# One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB975

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

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

**Date of Hearing: February 22, 2012**

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

LB 975 allows for the adoption of the Fair Bidding Act. The purposes of the act are to provide for the efficient procurement of goods and services by governmental units and to promote the economical, nondiscriminatory and efficient administration and completion of publicly-funded construction projects.

Under the bill, the State of Nebraska and all political subdivisions shall ensure that all requests for proposals, bid specifications or the procurement procedures for a public contract do not include:

- a term that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages bidders or contractors from entering into or adhering to agreements with a labor organization; or
- a term that discriminates against bidders or contractors based on status as party or nonparty to, or the willingness or refusal to enter into an agreement with a labor organization relating to the public contract.

The bill does not prohibit the awardee of the final contract from entering into any type of labor agreement. In addition, it does not prohibit any party from entering into any agreement or engaging in other activity protected under federal law, including the National Labor Relations Act, nor does it interfere with rights of parties protected under federal law.

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

**Senator Jim Smith**