

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB372

Hearing Date: Friday February 08, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Mello
One Liner: Adopt the Buy Nebraska Act and eliminate provisions relating to resident bidder preferences

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price, Scheer
Nay:	2	Senators Karpisek, Wallman
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Heath Mello
Don Wesely
Ken Mass
Brec Wilshusen
Steven Wolf

Representing:

Introducer
Blue Cross & Blue Shield
Nebraska State AFL-CIO
Veterans in Business Forum
Self

Opponents:

Bruce Kevil
James Overcash
Bo Botelho
Randall Peters
Curtis Smith

Representing:

Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated General Contractors - Building Chapter
Department of Administrative Services
Nebraska Department of Roads
Associated General Contractors - Nebraska Chapter

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 372 creates the Buy Nebraska Act.

The bill establishes price preferences for goods and services purchased from a Nebraska business as follows:

Five percent for a purchase less than \$5000;
Three percent for a purchase of at least \$5000 but less than \$1 million;
One percent for a purchase over \$1 million.

If a Nebraska business offers to provide goods manufactured or produced in the state, and if two or more bids submitted were the same, additional price preferences are available as follows:

Three percent for a purchase less than \$5000;
Two percent for a purchase at least \$5000 but less than \$1 million;
One percent for a purchase of at least \$1 million.

The Department of Administrative Services is required to adopt rules and regulations to determine when a good is

manufactured or produced in this state.

The department will also adopt rules and regulations to create a preference to a Nebraska business that submits an offer for a purchase if an out-of-state business submits an offer for the purchase and the out-of-state business is a business from a state that gives preferences unfavorable to Nebraska businesses. The bill outlines what should be included in the rules and regulations. The department will allow a preference under this act based upon which preference would result in the greatest benefit for the Nebraska business.

Bill Avery, Chairperson