

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB803**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 21, 2014  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Urban Affairs  
**One Liner:** Change veto power provisions for mayors of first and second class cities

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Coash, Crawford, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh, McGill
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Ashford
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Proponents:**

Laurie Holman  
Greg Butcher  
Gary Krumland

**Representing:**

Urban Affairs Committee  
City of Beatrice  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 803 clarifies a mayor's veto authority in cities of the first and second classes. Current law allows mayors in cities of the first and second classes to veto ordinances, but the procedure to do so is unclear and contradictory. This bill will establish a clear procedure for a veto similar to the language used for the Governor's veto authority, and makes this veto authority the same in both classes of city.

**Comments/Analysis:**

Section one amends Neb.Rev.Stat. 16-313 by adding new language to clarify the approval and veto procedures for a mayor of a city of the first class. It also strikes unclear language that has existed in the statute since 1901.

Section two amends Neb.Rev.Stat 17-111 to add the new language and clarify the approval and veto procedures for a mayor of a city of the second class. Additionally, unclear language in the statute from 1879 is stricken to harmonize the language in this section of statute with that of the statute above for cities of the first class.

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Amanda McGill, Chairperson