

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB 755

HEARING DATE: March 3, 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Natural Resources

TITLE: (Landis, Preister) Require public buildings to comply with a building code

ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

8	Yes	Senators Bohlke, Bromm, Bruning, Hudkins, Jones, Preister, Schrock, Stuhr
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

PROPOSERS

Senator David Landis

Walt Bleich

Chris Dibbern

Cecil Steward

Susan Pickel

REPRESENTING

Introducer

Nebraska Citizen Action Network

Nebraska Municipal Power Pool

UNL College of Architecture; Joslyn Castle

Pickel & Son Construction, Inc.

OPPOSERS

None

REPRESENTING

NEUTRAL

Dennis Summers

Kirk Conger

REPRESENTING

State of Nebraska Building Division

Nebraska Energy Office

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

LB 755 provides that any new state building, any remodeling of a state building where the projected cost exceeds fifty percent of the replacement cost of the building, any new lighting, heating, cooling, ventilating or water heating equipment or controls in a state-owned building or space leased by the state, any new building envelope components installed in a state-owned building or in preparation of a lease to the state, replacement of systems or components where fifty percent of the system or component is being replaced or modified in a state-owned building, and all new buildings constructed in whole or in part with public funds after January 1, 2000, meet or exceed the 1998 International Energy Conservation Code.

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The bill provides that a life-cycle cost analysis be done for the project and that plans be reviewed by the Nebraska Energy Office.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS, IF ANY:

The committee amendment strikes the original sections and becomes the bill:

Section 1: The following projects must meet or exceed the 1998 International Energy Conservation Code:

1. Any new state building; and
2. Any new lighting, heating, cooling, ventilating, or water heating equipment or controls in a state-owned building and any new building envelope components installed in a state-owned building.

Section 1 also allows the State Building Administrator, in consultation with the Nebraska Energy Office, to specify:

1. A more recent addition of the Code;
2. Additional energy requirements; and
3. Waivers of specific requirements, demonstrated through life-cycle cost analysis to not be in the state's best interest.

Section 2: Specifies that only new buildings constructed in whole or in part with state funds after January 1, 2000 shall be required to meet the Code. It requires a review of the plans and specifications by the Nebraska Energy Office.

Section 3: Excludes the provisions of Chapter 1 of the 1998 International Energy Conservation Code from Sections 1 and 2 of this Act.

Senator Ed Schrock, Chairperson