

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB947

Hearing Date: January 22, 2008

Committee On: Urban Affairs

Introducer(s): (Friend)

Title: Increase minimum bidding amount requirements for cities of the first and second class and villages

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action: Placed on General File

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Senators Cornett, Friend, Janssen, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
0 No	
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Mike Friend
Gary Krumland
Jerry Wilcox

Opponents:

None

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Introducer
League of NE Municipalities
City of Crete

Representing:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change: This bill relates to first and second class cities and villages, proposing to increase certain minimum bidding requirements to permit a greater number of smaller projects to proceed without the need for formal bidding.

The same basic changes are proposed in two separate statutes: section 16-321 (for first class cities) and section 17-568.01 (for second class cities and villages).

Essentially, the bidding requirement for projects involving basic infrastructure improvements (sewer, water, roads, etc) would be raised from projects costing twenty thousand dollars or more to projects costing thirty thousand dollars or more.

Additionally, a municipal electric utility could proceed with the enlargement or improvement of the electric system or purchase equipment for such improvement without advertising for bids if the price is thirty thousand dollars or less (up from twenty thousand dollars), if the price is sixty thousand or less (up from forty thousand dollars) if the utility has gross annual revenue in excess of one million dollars, ninety-thousand dollars or less (up from sixty thousand dollars) if the utility has gross annual revenue in excess of five million dollars, or one hundred and twenty thousand dollars (up from eighty thousand dollars) if the utility has gross annual revenue in excess of ten million dollars.

The last change in bidding requirements was made in 1997.

Explanation of amendments, if any: None

Senator Mike Friend, Chairperson