## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB627

Hearing Date: Monday February 02, 2009

**Committee On:** Business and Labor **Introducer:** Business and Labor

One Liner: Authorize inspections of domestic potable hot water heaters under the Boiler Inspection Act

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Carlson, Council, Lathrop, McGill, Schilz, Wallman, White

Nay: Absent:

**Present Not Voting:** 

Proponents: Representing:

Molly Burton Business and Labor Committee

Christopher Cantrell Department of Labor Catherine Lang Department of Labor

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This would bring the law in line with the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors' requirements. Currently, domestic potable hot water heaters are required to be inspected annually, but NBBI recommends that the heaters by inspected every other year.

Section 1 amends the Boiler Inspection Act by creating an exception to the one year domestic potable boiler inspection requirement by authorizing the Commissioner of Labor to adopt a two-year inspection cycle for external inspections and six year cycle for internal inspections

## **Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendment clarifies that domestic potable hot water heaters are not residential hot water heaters and are not subject to the statutory inspection requirements.

The amendment replaces the new language of the bill. Again, the replacing language clarifies that the inspection language does not apply to residential heaters by specifying that heaters exempted pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-726 are not subject to the inspections. Section 48-726 (5) & (6) exempts single-family residences and small apartment complexes from the requirements under the Boiler Inspection Act.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson