

Chairperson:	Amanda McGill
Committee:	<b>Urban Affairs</b>
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1099 provides enabling legislation to allow cities of the metropolitan class to create a <u>voluntary</u>, fee-for-service enhanced recycling program. The program described in LB 1099 would provide financial incentives and other rewards in exchange for participation in the program.

Enhanced recycling programs have been extremely successful in other municipalities, resulting in as much as a 300 percent increase in recycling collection rates. This program would create new jobs for Omaha residents, save tax dollars, and provide many environmental benefits.

**Principal Introducer:** 

**Senator Heath Mello**