

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB399**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 31, 2017  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to housing commissions

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Crawford, Hansen, Howard, Larson, Quick, Riepe, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Jennifer Taylor  
David Levy  
Chris Lamberty

**Representing:**

LD13  
Omaha Housing Authority  
Omaha Housing Authority  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment  
Officials, Nebraska Chapter

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 399 would amend the Nebraska Housing Agency Act to make a number of changes governing housing agencies for cities of the metropolitan class, including:

- Requiring that such housing agencies have a 7-member board
- Requiring that such board members obtain professional certification
- Requiring that such boards include commissioners with experience in various professional areas
- Prohibiting a member of the city council from also serving on the board of such housing agency

LB 399 would also permit a housing agency to advertise for the resident commissioner position prior to the actual vacancy and eliminate written notice requirements for the selection of the resident commissioner.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson