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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB320

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2017

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 320 is an omnibus bill for the Department of Administrative Services to make the following changes:

Sections 1, 2 and 5 of the proposal increase the dollar threshold for competitive formal bidding for personal property (goods) from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to coincide with the requirements for services established in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 73-504(2); as well as increase the dollar threshold for competitive informal bidding from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and the dollar threshold for unrestricted open market purchases from \$10,000 to \$25,000. This proposal adjusts the limits to account for inflation and creates consistency between goods and services procurements. This allows State Purchasing Bureau to streamline the procurement processes between the two types of procurements as well as reduces the number of low dollar procurements having to flow through State Purchasing Bureau.

Section 3 of this proposal modifies the term "materiel division" to "materiel administrator" to fix the statute to pertain to the head of the division and not the division itself. Through changes to the statute in 1969, the change of the words "Purchasing Agent" being replaced with "materiel division" changed the intent of the legislation. This modification fixes this.

Sections 4 and 6 modify the threshold for real property purchases by the Department of Administrative Services to be 10% of the amount established by Section 81-1108.43 (1)(a) as adjusted every four years by Section 81-1108.43 (2) in order to allow for inflation. These sections also modify the dollar threshold amount of construction projects requiring quarterly and final reports to be equal to or greater than the amount established by Section 81-1108.43 (1)(a) as adjusted every four years by Section 81-1108.43 (2) in order to allow for inflation.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Lowe