

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB267**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday March 07, 2019  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Bolz  
**One Liner:** Provide a duty for the county board relating to deficient bridges and authorize a tax levy

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Hansen, M., Hilgers, Hunt, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Kate Bolz  
Jennifer Brinkman  
Pam Dingman  
Todd Wiltgen  
Jon Cannon  
William Mueller  
Ron Sedlacek

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners  
Lancaster County Engineering  
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce  
NACO  
Associated General Contractors Nebraska Chapter  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents:**

Dustin Antonello

**Representing:**

Lincoln Independent Business Association

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 267 would create a new duty on counties relating to the repair, retrofitting, reconstruction, or replacement of county-owned bridges found "deficient by Department of Transportation standards."

The bill would also authorize use of the county's levy authority under Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 23-120(3)(b) for "bridges owned by the county that are deemed scour critical or structurally deficient" under the standards.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment, AM 1245, differs from the introduced bill in two respects:

1. It limits usage of the levy authority to cases where the county board declares an emergency and where either (a) the President of the United States has declared a disaster, or (b) the bridge is designated as scour critical or structurally deficient under DOT standards.

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2. It imposes a new requirement that all uses of the authority under Section 23-120(a) be only with the approval of two-thirds of the county board.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson