

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB180

Hearing Date: Thursday January 23, 2025
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Clouse
One Liner: Provide an exception for public lettings and biddings for the Department of Natural Resources

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski,
McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Stan Clouse
Isabella Peterson

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Department of Natural Resources

Opponents:

Allie Bush

Representing:

Nebraskans Against Government Overreach
Grassroots

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes changes to the authorized procedures that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may use when seeking bids and entering into contracts relating to water infrastructure projects. It would exempt DNR from certain requirements that otherwise exist for public contracting, including fixed days on which bidding opens and closes. This exemption already exists for projects covered by the State Park System Construction Alternatives Act, and under this bill would also apply to projects covered by the Public Water and Natural Resources Project Contracting Act that was passed in 2023 as LB 565. The bill would also direct the Department of Administrative Services to provide modified procedures to facilitate this change.



