

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1037

Hearing Date: Thursday February 10, 2022
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Arch
One Liner: Require the Department of Administrative Services to contract for an evaluation of the state's procurement practices

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Hansen, M., Hunt, Lowe, McCollister, Sanders
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Senator John Arch Jason Jackson	Representing: Introducer Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would direct the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to contract with an outside consultant for an evaluation of state procurement practices. This evaluation would be both retrospective, examining "past procurement challenges," and would make recommendations for future improvements. Particular topics to be evaluated would include due diligence, evaluation of cost, accountability for decision making, and protest procedures.

The evaluation would include input from the chairs of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee and other senators whom those chairs deem appropriate, as well as relevant agency personnel from state agencies identified by DAS. This evaluation would culminate in a report to the Legislature no later than November 15, 2022.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1187 Amends LB 1064 into LB 1037.

LB 1064 would modify the powers of the Department of Administrative Services' Materiel Division to expressly authorize that division to obtain an electronic procurement system. This system would be paid for by a percentage or portion of identified

transactions that would be collected by the provider from contractors and bidders. The bill also makes harmonizing changes to the statute creating the Materiel Division Revolving Fund.

The committee voted to adopt AM 1187 on a 8-0 vote

Voting Aye: Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, M. Hansen, Hunt, Lowe, McCollister, Sanders

Voting Nay: None

Testifiers on LB 1064:

Proponents:

Jason Jackson, Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Opponents:

None

Neutral:

None

Tom Brewer, Chairperson