

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB997

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 09, 2010
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Mello
One Liner: Require cities' comprehensive plans to include an energy element

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Coash, Cook, Krist, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Kristi Wamsted-Evans Chad Johansen Mitch Paine	Representing: City of Omaha USGBC-Nebraska Flatwater Chapter Nebraska Sierra Club
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral: Lynn Rex	Representing: League of Nebraska Municipalities
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary:

LB 997 would require cities to include an energy requirement in their comprehensive plans.

Comments/Analysis:

LB 997 requires cities, when developing a new or full update to their comprehensive plan, to add an energy element to such plan. The plans design must include assessment of energy infrastructure and energy use in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors, evaluation of the utilization of renewable energy sources, and promotion of energy conservation measures that benefit the community, but is not limited to only these areas.

This bill requires the new plan or update to be made on or after the effective date of this act, but not later than January 1, 2015.

Details:

Section 1 makes the requirement applicable to cities of the metropolitan class

Section 2 amends NRS § 15-1102 and applies this change to cities of the primary class. Section 3 amends NRS § 19-903 to make this law applicable to cities smaller than primary class, but specifically states this subsection does not apply to villages. Section 4 amends NRS § 23-114.02 and extends this energy element to the comprehensive plans of counties. Section 5 repeals the original sections of the above statutes.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson