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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB19

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2013

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

It is the intent of LB 19 to change the administration of the Conveyance Safety Act from the Commissioner of Labor to the State Fire Marshal.

The Conveyance Safety Act applies to the construction, operation, inspection, testing, maintenance, alteration, and repair of conveyances. LB 19 expands statewide the protections and safety regulations created by the Conveyance Safety Act. Currently, the act only applies to counties with a population greater than 100,000 inhabitants (Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy counties). The Conveyance Safety Act, as amended by LB 19, would require that no person shall wire, alter, replace, remove, or dismantle an existing conveyance unless such person is a licensed elevator mechanic or he or she is working under the general supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic. LB 19 excludes stairway chair lifts and platform lifts installed in a single family dwelling and elevators in private residences from requirements of the Conveyance Safety Act.

LB 19 also changes the name of the "Conveyance Advisory Committee" to the "Conveyance Committee," changes the membership, and adds powers and duties to the Committee.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Jeremy Nordquist