ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB1011

Hearing Date: Monday February 12, 2018

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer: Harr

One Liner: Provide a duty for drivers approaching certain stopped vehicles on a roadway as prescribed under

the Nebraska Rules of the Road

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bostelman, Briese, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Murante,

Smith

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Burke Harr District 8

Elaine Menzel Nebraska Association of County Officials

Ron Sedlacek Nebraska Chamber of Commerce
Rick Kubat Metropolitan Utilities District

Andy Pollock Waste Connections; Rural Telecom Coalition of

Nebraska: Nebraska Telecommunications Association

Laurie Klosterboer Nebraska Safety Council

Lisa Disbrow Waste Management of Nebraska

Jo Hitz Professional Towing Association of Nebraska

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This proposal would provide a duty for a driver who is approaching a tow truck, a utility maintenance vehicle, a highway maintenance vehicle, or a garbage or recycling service vehicle, if those vehicles are stopped and are displaying flashing lights.

The driver would be required to proceed with caution, and move into another lane that is at least one moving lane apart from the stopped vehicle, if possible under existing traffic and safety conditions. If such lane change was impossible, unsafe, or prohibited by law, the driver would be required to reduce speed to a reasonable speed below the posted speed limit and be prepared to stop.

Violations of this provision would be a traffic infraction.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson