

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB625**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 14, 2017  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Larson  
**One Liner:** Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Crawford, Hansen, Howard, Larson, Quick, Riepe, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tyson Larson  
Chris Peterson  
Kenneth Winston  
John Hansen  
Ken Haar

**Representing:**

Legislative District 40  
PACE SAGE LLC  
Bold Alliance  
Nebraska Farmers Union  
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**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

Larry Dix  
Candace Meredith  
Christy Abraham

**Representing:**

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Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Lancaster County Treasurer  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 625 would make several changes to the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Act, including:

- Authorizing the creation of PACE districts by counties
- Authorizing the use of PACE on agricultural property and for the installation, replacement, or modification of agricultural machinery
- Eliminating the requirement for ongoing measurements to establish energy savings by a PACE project over \$250,000
- Allowing third-party lenders to collect PACE assessments directly from property owners for qualifying property other than single-family residential property
- Clarifying reporting requirements for PACE districts that are jointly administered by two or more municipalities

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 224 makes several technical changes to the bill:

- Strikes language regarding the installation, replacement, or modification of agricultural machinery
- Provides that cities and villages can create PACE districts within their extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction (ETJ)
- Prohibits counties from creating PACE districts within the ETJ of any city or village

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- Requires that any third-party lender that collects annual assessments directly from the owner of qualifying property notify the municipality within three business days if an annual assessment becomes delinquent

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson