

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1130**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 12, 2020  
**Committee On:** Revenue  
**Introducer:** Groene  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to agreements and application deadlines under the Mutual Finance Assistance Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Briese, Crawford, Friesen, Groene, Kolterman, Lindstrom, Linehan, McCollister  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Mike Groene  
Jerry Stilmock

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter Association,  
Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

The bill makes certain changes to mutual finance organizations created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act.

The bill would make the following changes to mutual finance agreements:

- The length of the agreements would be three years rather than "at least three years";
- Require each member rather than "all members" of the organization to levy the same property tax rate for one out of the three years covered rather than one of "every" three years;
- Does not require the members to levy the same tax rate during the same year; and
- Requires the agreement to contain a statement of the agreed-upon maximum property tax rate.

The bill would also change the date of application to the State Treasurer for assistance under the Mutual Finance Assistance Act from July 1 to September 20. The State Treasurer would then be required to notify applicants of approval or denial of the application on or before November 4 rather than August 15.

Funds disbursed by the State Treasurer would still be made in two payments on or before January 20 and May 20 rather than November 1 and May 1. Any money remaining in the fund as of June 20 rather than June 1 would still transferred to the General Fund.

The bill contains the Emergency Clause.

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Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson