

Senator Slama introducing bills to aid SE Nebraska

(KLZA)-- The period to introduce bills for this years session of the Nebraska Legislature is winding down.

First District State Senator Julie Slama has introduced several bills that would be of value to Southeast Nebraska if adopted.

LB 213 is an economic development bill for District 1 and all of rural Nebraska. The bill targets villages and cities of the second class, which includes communities with populations of less than 5,000.

The bill would lower the match from .5:1 to .25-1 for Rural Workforce Housing and expands the Mainstreet Revitalization Act, specifically for communities under 5,000.

Rural Workforce Housing provides grants for the construction of workforce housing, but currently requires 50 percent in matching funds. If adopted the bill would lower the match to 25 percent for communities under 5,000 residents. Slama says it would help level the playing field with the larger communities that are able to reach the percentage of matching funds easier.

LB212 - would require the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and purchase rights-of-way for U.S. Highway 75 to be expanded to four lanes through the Kansas border and to pave all remaining gravel highways in Nebraska.

Senator Slama has introduced LB 66 which would change provisions relating to the regulation and operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility type vehicles.

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