



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 628**

Hearing Date: February 22, 2007
Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Dierks)
Title: Change budget provisions and levy limitations for cities, villages, and counties

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Burling, Cornett, Dierks, Janssen, Preister, Raikes and White
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Langemeier

Proponents:
Senator Cap Dierks
Lynn Rex

Jack Vavra
Dennis Meyer
Beth Bazyn Ferrell
Steven Waring

Jack Cheloha

Representing:
Introducer
League of Nebraska Municipalities and City of Lincoln
City of York
Lancaster County
Nebraska Association of County Officials
City of Tecumseh and
League of Nebraska Municipalities
City of Omaha

Opponents:
None

Representing:

Neutral:
None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 628 would have amended section 13-518, the budget limits for governments other than schools and community colleges, to make two changes. First, the bill would have allowed the "percentage growth" in valuation due to new construction or additions to existing buildings to be

added to the base limitation rate to determine the total “allowable growth” for the local government. Currently, “growth” due to new construction may be added to the base limitation rate of 2½ percent only to the extent that such growth exceeds 2½ percent.

Second, the bill would have expanded the exclusion for capital improvements. Currently, capital improvements are improvements to real property. Under LB 628, capital improvements would have included furnishing and equipping such real estate improvements and acquisition or replacement of equipment with a useful life of five years or less.

Section 2 of the bill would have amended the levy limits, section 77-3442, to exclude capital improvements as defined in section 1 from the levy limits for counties and municipalities.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson