

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB168**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 27, 2015  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Mello  
**One Liner:** Authorize expansion of existing business improvement districts

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Coash, Crawford, Ebke, Hansen, Hughes, Krist, McCollister  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Heath Mello  
Timothy Sieh  
Bernard in den Bosch  
Lynn Rex

**Representing:**

District 5  
City of Lincoln, NE  
City of Omaha  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 168 would update and modernize the Business Improvement District Act.

The bill streamlines the process for creating a Business Improvement District (BID) and provides a mechanism for the expansion of an existing BID. The procedures for the expansion of an existing BID mirror the provisions for creating a BID, and provide affected property owners and users of space with notice of the proposed expansion, public hearing prior to expansion, and an opportunity to protest the expansion.

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Sue Crawford, Chairperson