

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB806

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 16, 2016
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Mello
One Liner: Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Coash, Crawford, Hansen, Howard, Hughes, McCollister
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Ebke

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Heath Mello
Gary Krumland
Garner Gerthoffer
Stan Staab
Pat Mrsny

Representing:

District 5
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Omaha By Design
Norfolk River Development Project
City of Norfolk

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Cassie Paben

Representing:

City of Omaha

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 806 would adopt the Riverfront Development District Act. Under the Act, cities would be authorized to create riverfront development districts to effectively fund, manage, promote, and develop riverfronts within city limits.

Riverfront development districts created under the Act would be overseen and managed by a riverfront development authority appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment AM 2137 replaces the bill:

AM 2137 makes several changes to the bill:

- Amends the definition of "river" to specifically list each river and add the Big Blue River
 - Requires the city creating a riverfront development authority to set a cap on the bonding authority of the authority
 - Specifies that a riverfront development authority would make plans for improvements and redevelopment within the riverfront development district in conjunction with the city
 - Clarifies that only property owned by a riverfront development authority would be tax-exempt
 - Authorizes a riverfront development authority to construct, install, and maintain boardwalks, barges, docks, and
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wharves

- Provides that a city that creates a riverfront development authority may limit the powers of the authority by ordinance
- Prohibits an occupation tax or special assessment from being imposed on the same property by both a riverfront development district and a business improvement district if the boundaries of a riverfront development district and business improvement district overlap

Sue Crawford, Chairperson