

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB801

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 18, 2020
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Urban Affairs
One Liner: Change and eliminate provisions of the Community Development Law

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Briese, Crawford, Hansen, M., Hunt, Lowe, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Trevor Fitzgerald
Tim Sieh
David Levy

Jennifer Taylor
Christy Abraham

Representing:

Urban Affairs Committee
City of Lincoln
Omaha By Design/Nebraska Association of Commercial
Property Owners
City of Omaha
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB801 would make a series of clean-up changes to the Community Development Law related to tax-increment financing (TIF), including:

- Further consolidating all TIF notice requirements into a single section of the Community Development Law and reorganizing the notice section for clarity
 - Clarifying that the annual TIF reports to the governing body are only required for active TIF projects within the municipality, not all TIF projects historically
 - Clarifying that language allowing the reimbursement of certain specified costs incurred prior to the approval of a redevelopment project does not require the reimbursement of legal fees related to such costs
 - Clarifying that additional requirements for TIF projects for the construction of workforce housing only apply if the project expressly carries out the construction of workforce housing
 - Clarifying that a municipality may not approve a redevelopment plan unless the governing body has declared the area substandard and blighted
 - Clarifying that a community development agency has the same powers as a community development authority and
 - Providing a definition for substantial modification, which is currently undefined
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Explanation of amendments:

AM2142 corrects a reference to redevelopment projects in the definition of community redevelopment area

Justin Wayne, Chairperson