

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB223

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 28, 2023
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: McKinney
One Liner: Provide and change reporting requirements under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Blood, Cavanaugh, J., Day, Hardin, Hunt, Lowe, McKinney
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator McKinney
Christy Abraham
Todd Stubbendieck

Representing:

District #11
League of Municipalities
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Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 223 concerns the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act. It requires each city that adopts an affordable housing action plan electronically submit their plan to the Urban Affairs Committee. The bill also allows an option in the report to either (1) show efforts to affordable housing action plans or (2) efforts to implement an affordable housing action plan after such a plan is adopted.

Background & Legislative History:

LB866 (2020), introduced by Senator Wayne, adopted the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act. The bill incentivizes affordable housing projects by establishing a workforce housing investment grant program for urban areas of the state and requiring affordable housing action plans.

The provisions require cities with populations greater than 20,000 to submit a report every two years, beginning July 1, 2021, to the Urban Affairs Committee detailing their efforts to incentivize affordable housing.

All cities with populations greater than 50,000 will be required to adopt an affordable housing action plan by Jan. 1, 2023, and all cities with populations between 20,000 and 50,000 will be required to adopt an affordable housing action plan by Jan. 1, 2024.

Section-by-Section Summary:

Section 1 of the bill amends 19-5504 to add on the option for cities to report efforts to implement an affordable housing action plan after such a plan is adopted, instead of showing immediate efforts to affordable housing action plans.

Section 2 of the bill amends 19-5505 to require each city that adopts an affordable housing action plan to electronically submit their plan to the Urban Affairs Committee.

Section 3 of the bill repeals original sections.

Terrell McKinney, Chairperson