

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB457

Hearing Date: Monday February 23, 2015
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Gloor
One Liner: Change the Site and Building Development Act and terminate a fund

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Campbell, Craighead, Gloor, Howard, Lindstrom, Scheer, Schumacher, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Gloor
Brenda Hicks-Sorensen
Tim O'Brien

Danielle Hill
Mike Renken
Bruce Bohrer

Opponents:

Neutral:

Representing:

Introducer
NE Dept of Economic Development
Greater Omaha Chamber and Economic Development Partnership
NE Housing Developers Association
Neighborhoods Inc. aka Neighbor Works Inc.
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Representing:

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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would amend various sections regarding site and building development assistance from the Department of Economic Development (DED).

The bill would amend sections 81-12,146 and 81-12,147 of the Site and Building Development Act to create an additional category of activities that are eligible for assistance from the Site and Building Development Fund: projects that mitigate the economic impact of a closure or downsizing of a private-sector entity by making necessary improvements to buildings and infrastructure. (Sections 3 and 4)

The bill would amend section 81-1213 to provide for the termination of the Industrial Recovery Fund and the transfer of any money in the fund to the Site and Building Development Fund. This section has authorized DED to provide funds for assistance to political subdivisions impacted by a sudden and significant private-sector entity closure or downsizing. (Section 2)

The bill would amend section 58-708 of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act to provide that funds allocated by DED under the act that were recaptured because they were not utilized shall be credited to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund

instead of to the Industrial Recovery Fund (the fund terminated by section 2 of this bill). (Section 1)

Explanation of amendments:

As introduced, section 2 of the bill would provide for termination of the Industrial Recovery Fund and transfer of the money in it to the Site and Building Development Fund. The committee amendments would provide that, of the money in the Industrial Recovery Fund upon termination, fifty percent shall be transferred to the Site and Building Development Fund and fifty percent shall be transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The committee amendments would also add the emergency clause.

Jim Scheer, Chairperson