

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB253

Hearing Date: Friday February 24, 2017
Committee On: Revenue
Introducer: Crawford
One Liner: Authorize intergovernmental service agreements under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act and provide for a special tax levy

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 5 Senators Harr, Larson, Lindstrom, Schumacher, Smith
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 3 Senators Brasch, Friesen, Groene

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Sue Crawford
Don Kelly
Mayor David Black
David Dechant
Michael Rogers
Andrew Rainbolt

Representing:

Introducer
Sarpy County
United Cities of Sarpy County
HDR Engineering
Sarpy County
Sarpy County Economic Development, Greater Omaha Chamber

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Bradley Woehler

Representing:

National Utility Contractors Association Nebraska Chapter

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 253 would enable cities, villages or sanitary and improvement districts within a county to enter into an interlocal agreement or create a public agency in coordination with the County in order to utilize existing bond authority to fund a regional wastewater system.

Explanation of amendments:

LB253 allows the county, cities, villages, and SIDs to enter into the interlocal agreement which gives them the authority to enter into service agreements and exceed their budget limitations for amounts paid with respect to debt service on bonds, if necessary, but would not allow them to exceed their levy limitations for such purposes.

As amended, LB253 will allow Sarpy County to use the levy authority it has per the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act to secure bonds for a regional wastewater system. The taxing authority in Section 23-3613 will not extend to cities, villages, or SIDs in the interlocal agreement.

LB253, as amended will eliminate Joint Public Agencies as an option for the county, cities, villages, and SIDs collaborating on a regional wastewater system. These entities will need to enter into an interlocal agreement per the Interlocal Agreement Act.

Jim Smith, Chairperson