



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 16

Chairperson: Ray Aguilar
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: January 18, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 16 would amend the law regarding airport zoning. The law provides for airport zoning to prevent hazards that endanger lives and property of the users of the airport and the occupants of land in the vicinity of the airport. Currently, section 3-303 provides that a political subdivision that has an airport hazard area within its zoning jurisdiction may adopt zoning regulations for the area, but in most situations where an airport is owned by a political subdivision and any part of the hazard area is outside of the zoning jurisdiction of the political subdivision, a joint airport board is established as provided by section 3-304. Section 3-304 provides that where an airport is owned by a political subdivision and any part of the hazard area is outside of the zoning jurisdiction of the political subdivision, the political subdivision owning the airport and the political subdivision where the airport is located may create a joint airport zoning board.

The creation of a joint airport zoning board is a cumbersome process and adds an additional level of bureaucracy. LB 16 would eliminate the need for a joint board in most cases by requiring that the political subdivision where the airport is located will do the zoning for the airport. A joint airport zoning board would only be used if the political subdivision where the airport is located is not enforcing zoning regulations.

Principal Introducer: _____
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