

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB381

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 24, 2009
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Rogert
One Liner: Adopt the Community Improvement District Act and the Transportation Development District Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Coash, Cook, Krist, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
Marc Abbott
Lynn Rex
Jack Cheloha

Representing:
Public Finance Law Firm: Lincoln, St. Louis, Wichita
League of Ne. Municipalities
City of Omaha

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 381 allows cities to create separate political subdivisions or non-profit corporations called Community Improvement Districts (CID) that have the ability to set a separate sales tax or special assessment within their boundaries to pay for services or improvements within the district. The sales tax authority is limited to a maximum of 1%.

A CID is created by a petition filed in the municipality where the district will be located and is signed by property owners that 1) collectively own at least 50% of the assessed value of the real property within the proposed district, and 2) are more than 50% per capita of all owners of real property within the proposed district. The petition must include a 5 year plan and an estimate of costs of the project. The governing body of the municipality will hold a public hearing and may approve the creation of the proposed district by ordinance.

Some examples for Community Improvement Districts include arena districts, shopping malls, convention centers, parking lots, garages, parks, music, news or child care facilities, or any other useful, necessary or desired public improvement.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment removes all property taxing authority from community improvement districts. The amendment also strikes the entire transportation development district portion of the bill and only leaves the language authorizing the creation of community improvement districts.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson