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LB 683, 862

Government Committee deals with the limitation on appropriations by counties for the construction or repair of their buildings without first submitting the issue to a vote of the people. Currently, there are restrictions in counties of 150 to 250,000 inhabitants of a maximum of \$150,000 of repair or reconstruction without a vote of the people. From counties of 30,000 to 150,000, the maximum is \$50,000. For counties below 30,000 in population, the current maximum is \$25,000. This law was most recently updated in 1967. Since that time, there has been a construction consumer price index growth, if you will, of about 300 percent. That is to say, construction costs per square foot are approximately three times the amount they were when these limitations were originally passed. It was on that theory, then, that LB 683 was drafted to increase those maximums by about a factor of three. The new maximums will be 500,000, 150,000, and 75,000 for the three levels of counties that I previously indicated. I would move the advancement of LB 683.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on 683? If not, all those in favor of advancing LB 683 from General File vote aye, opposed vote nay. Voting on the advancement of LB 683, as explained by Senator Landis. Please record your vote. We need a little more help in advancing a bill. Would you please record your vote on the advancement. Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance 683.

PRESIDENT: LB 683 is advanced. LB 862.

CLERK: 862, Mr. President, offered by Senator Lundy and Senator Kahle, I'm sorry, Senator Abboud. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year, referred to Revenue, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, members of the body, this is