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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB789

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 15, 2022

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

LB789 exempts cities under fifty thousand inhabitants from the affordable housing action plan as to the semi-annual reporting and mandate for developing affordable housing action plans. Smaller communities do not have the staff to create such plans and must hire costly consultants to do so. Due to economics of size and housing needs being very fluid in smaller communities, action plans can stymie workforce housing investments.

LB789 also lowers the population threshold for being able to apply for grants under the Middle-Income Workforce Housing Investment Act. The current threshold of over one hundred thousand inhabitants of a county is lowered to counties with a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Groene