



August 29, 2024

Nebraska Legislature
Appropriations Committee
State Capitol
P.O. Box 94604
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Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Senators,

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-6928 of the Urban Redevelopment Act, the Department of Economic Development herein submits this annual report.

The Department of Economic Development appreciates the Legislature's continued support for and commitment to Nebraska's people and communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K.C. Belitz".

K.C. Belitz
Director of Economic Development
State of Nebraska

Legislative Report
Urban Redevelopment Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-6901 to 77-6928)

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-6928 of the Urban Redevelopment Act (“Act”), the Department of Economic Development submits the following report.

Overview

The Act allows businesses to earn tax credits for qualified new investment and new full-time equivalent employees. To qualify for incentives under the Act, the business must be conducted in a qualified location within a city of the metropolitan or primary class and within an economic redevelopment area, as defined in § 77-6906 of the Act. The amount of tax credits earned by a taxpayer is determined by the amount of qualified new investment and new full-time equivalent employees hired. The amount of tax credits available to a single taxpayer is statutorily capped at fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-6920). The total amount of tax credits available under the Act is eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-6919(4)). Taxpayers participating in the Act report their qualified new investment and new hires by filing a Form 544N with the Nebraska Department of Revenue. To date, the Department of Revenue has not received any Form 544Ns claiming benefits. The Act went into effect on August 25, 2021. The application period statutorily closes on December 31, 2031 (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-6919(9)).

Report Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-6928

Section 77-6928(1)	Response
(a) The total amount of investment at qualified locations in the previous calendar year by taxpayers who are receiving incentives pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Act	\$0—participating taxpayers have not filed any Form 544Ns with the Department of Revenue.
(b) The total number of equivalent employees added in the previous calendar year by taxpayers who are receiving incentives pursuant to the act	0—participating taxpayers have not filed any Form 544Ns with the Department of Revenue.
(c) The total amount of credits claimed and refunds approved in the previous calendar year under the act	\$0—participating taxpayers have not filed any Form 544Ns claiming credits.

Section 77-6928(2)	Response
(a) The identity of the taxpayer, (b) The qualified location of the project (c) The total credits used and refunds approved during the immediately preceding two years expressed as a single, aggregated total.	The reporting statute requires disclosure of project-specific information on total incentives used every two years. As of July 15, 2024, no project had claimed benefits for two years and thus, no project-specific information is included in this report.

END OF REPORT.