



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 278

Hearing Date: February 15, 2007
Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Stuthman)
Title: Change permitted uses of county sales tax revenue

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
Advanced to General File with Amendments
X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Burling, Cornett, Dierks, Preister, Raikes and White
1	No	Senator Janssen
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Langemeier

Proponents:
Senator Arnie Stuthman
Larry Dix

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:
Lynn Rex

Representing:
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Neutral:
None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 278 would have amended sections 13-319 and 13-322 to give more flexibility in the use of funds that may be generated by a county sales tax, and to allow the county sales tax to be levied on top of any existing municipal sales tax. Currently, county sales taxes must be expended for joint public safety purposes. Also, any sales tax may only be levied outside municipalities which have a local sales tax.

LB 278 would have stricken language in both sections that restricts the county sales tax to areas outside municipalities with a local sales tax. Section 1 also replaced “must” with “may” in describing the uses of the county sales tax and listed an additional permissible use, infrastructure related to economic development.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson