



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LR 6CA**

Hearing Date: January 30, 2007
Committee On: Urban Affairs

Introducer(s): (Avery)

Title: Constitutional amendment to provide for investment by political subdivisions

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senator Friend, Cornett, Janssen, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	Senator White

Proponents:

Senator Bill Avery
Dan Anderson
Bill Lester
Michael J. Tavlin
Don Herz
Lori Seibel
Joan Anderson
Lynn Rex
Cecelia Creighton
Jack Cheloha

Representing:

Introducer
Comm. Health Endowment of Lincoln
Community Health Endowment
Community Health Endowment of Lincoln
City of Lincoln
Self
Lancaster Co. Medical Society
League of NE Municipalities
People’s Health Center
City of Omaha

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: LR 6CA reintroduces precisely the language of LB 75/LR 18CA as ultimately adopted by the Legislature in 2006 and as it appeared on the statewide ballot as Amendment 2.

Basically, it provides the Legislature with the authority to authorize the investment of the public endowment funds of cities, villages, school districts, public power districts, and other political subdivisions.

The investments would be as specified by the endowment's sponsoring political subdivision subject to the requirement that the manner of investment be that required of a prudent investor who acts with care, skill, and diligence under the prevailing circumstances with the political subdivision acting in a fiduciary capacity for the exclusive purpose of protecting and benefiting such investments.

Within the confines of these basic standards, the legislature would be authorized to add additional limitations.

Explanation of amendments, if any: None.

Senator Mike Friend, Chairperson