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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 450

Chairperson: Bill Avery
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 12, 2009

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

LB 450 is intended to enhance the original intent of the 1977 Capitol Environs and Protection Act by protecting the existing west axial view corridor to the Capitol. The bill would extend the existing west arm of the Environs District from 10th Street and Lincoln Mall five blocks west to 5th Street abutting the elevated road, Rosa Parks Way, formerly Capitol Parkway West. The Capitol Environs Commission's purpose in seeking this change is to insure the height of future buildings will not obstruct the existing west view corridor to the Capitol.

LB 450 would amend 90-303 (1) (e) to insure this existing visual corridor would be protected as stated, which is in keeping with Capitol architect Bertram G. Goodhue's original design intent. This proposed amendment is unanimously supported by the joint city-state Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Kathy Campbell