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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 943

Chairperson: Amanda McGill
Committee: Urban Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 16, 2010

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

The purpose of LB 943 is to allow civil service commissions in cities of the first class to merge pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Under the current Civil Service Act, any city with a population of more than five thousand and having full-time police officers or full-time firefighters is required to establish a civil service commission. The civil service commission conducts examinations and investigations for the hiring, promotion, demotion, or discharge of full-time police officers and full-time firefighters.

LB 943 would allow two cities to merge their civil service commissions into one commission. This is a necessary step for any cities of the first class that wish to merge their police or fire departments. The bill establishes the procedure for such a merger and the elements that must be included in a merger agreement.

LB 943 will allow cities of the first class to create efficiencies by merging their law enforcement agencies.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator John Harms