

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB57**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 25, 2011  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Mello  
**One Liner:** Change the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Ashford, Coash, Cook, Krist, McGill, Schumacher, Smith  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Heath Mello  
Doug Kindig  
Lynn Rex  
Bridget Hadley

**Representing:**

Self  
United Cities of Sarpy County  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
City of Omaha Planning Department - Economic Development

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 57 amends Neb.Rev.Stat. 18-2709 and redefines qualifying business under the act to allow cities of the first class, second class and villages to use LB 840 funds for retail development.

LB 57 also amends Neb.Rev.Stat. 18-2717 by deleting current subsection (2), which would eliminate specific dollar appropriation limits each class of city can access from LB 840 funds.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The amendment to LB 57 retains the dollar limitations which cities may appropriate from funds derived directly from local sources of revenue, which are contained in subsection (2) of Neb.Rev.Stat. section 18-2717, and raises those limitations to five million dollars for cities of the metropolitan and primary classes, four million dollars for cities of the first class, and three million dollars for cities of the second class and villages.

The current limits are three million for cities of the metropolitan and primary classes, two million for cities of the first class, and one million for cities of the second class and villages.

