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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB388

Chairperson: Senator Rich Pahls

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2011

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

LB 388, introduced on the behalf of the Governor Heineman, will offer state funded financial assistance to stimulate the development of quality industrial sites and buildings on which to build businesses and create jobs. Also, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund is authorized to provide financial assistance for the demolition of dilapidated housing and industrial buildings.

A Site and Building Development Fund is created with a one time transfer of three million dollars from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Approximately one and a half million dollars of continuing funding per year will be provided by using \$.30 cents or twenty five percent of the annual collections from the Real Estate Documentary Stamp Fee directed to the Department of Economic Development.

Only public and not-for-profit developers are eligible for financial assistance, with state financial state support focused on land and infrastructure costs. The developer must provide at least one hundred percent matching funds for the project and no less than forty percent of the fund shall go to non-metropolitan areas or counties with fewer than one hundred thousand inhabitants.

The Department of Economic Development shall submit an annual report to the Legislature regarding the Act, no later than July 1 of each year beginning in July 1, 2012.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Wightman