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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB425

Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2011

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

LB 425 proposes to amend the law regarding industrial areas to clarify and tighten eligibility for designating real estate as an industrial area, to expand the procedure to review an industrial area designation, and to allow a city to annex an industrial area if its assessed taxable valuation is fifteen million dollars or less.

Several cities have grown adjacent to or have surrounded industrial areas that were designated years ago. Because these areas cannot be annexed, they can be an impediment to orderly municipal growth and planning. LB 425 clarifies the definition of what constitutes an industrial area, clarifies the procedure to review whether an industrial area continues to be eligible for industrial area designation, and allows annexation in certain circumstances.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Scott Lautenbaugh