

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB49

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 22, 2013
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Ashford
One Liner: Change provisions relating to housing agencies

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Ashford, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, McGill, Murante
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Senator Ashford
Clifford Scott
Philip Wayne

Representing:
self
Omaha Housing Authority
Douglas County Housing Authority

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary:

LB 49 is a bill that would bring the Omaha Metropolitan Housing Authority and the Douglas County Housing Authority together to form a permanent regional housing authority with perpetual existence that may not be dissolved.

Comments/Analysis:

Section one of the bill amends 71-1576 to form an exception to the Housing Authorities Act for housing authorities established by a county which contains a city of the metropolitan class and a housing authority established by a city of the metropolitan class, which shall be subject to the provisions of 71-1581. Section 71-1576 currently establishes that any local housing authority established and in existence on January 1, 2000 shall have continued existence as a housing agency under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act. Section one of the bill makes housing authorities that are established by a county with a city of the metropolitan class or by a city of the metropolitan class subject to a different provision of law.

Section two of the bill amends 71-1577 to also create an exception as provided by 71-1581 for cities of the metropolitan class and counties which contain a city of the metropolitan class. The authority given to create a local housing agency in each city and county of the state which had not previously established a housing agency or authority would no longer include cities of the metropolitan class and counties which contain a city of the metropolitan class that are subject to the provisions in 71-1581.

Section three of the bill amends 71-1581 to give any city of the metropolitan class and county which contains a city of the metropolitan class the authority to establish a regional housing agency through adopting a joint resolution or ordinance. This section also adds new language to require any local housing authority or agency established by a county which contains a city of the metropolitan class or by a city of the metropolitan class prior to the effective date of this act shall become part of a regional housing agency by January 1, 2014.

Section four of the bill amends 71-1582 to provide that a regional housing agency in a county which contains a city of the metropolitan class shall have perpetual existence and may not be dissolved.

Section five of the bill amends 71-1586 to establish that a city of the metropolitan class and a county which contains a city of the metropolitan class cannot withdraw from participation in the regional housing authority or agency.

Explanation of amendments:

Bill Summary:

AM 31 to LB 49 would replace the original bill.

Comments/Analysis:

Section one of the amendment replaces section three in the original bill. It now requires that a local housing authority or agency established by a county which contains a city of the metropolitan class and a local housing authority or agency established by a city of the metropolitan class within such county to create a joint committee to develop a plan for the creation of a single housing agency within such county.

This committee shall consist of two members from the board of each existing authority or agency and three independent members selected by the four authority or agency board members. The committee is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Urban Affairs Committee by January 1, 2014.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson