

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR399CA**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 09, 2016  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Davis  
**One Liner:** Constitutional amendment to require cities and villages to obtain voter approval before pledging taxes for the payment of indebtedness related to redevelopment projects

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	4	Senators Crawford, Hansen, Howard, McCollister
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Hughes
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Coash
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Ebke

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Al Davis  
Renee Fry  
Richard Halverson

**Representing:**

District 43  
Open Sky Policy Institute  
Self

**Opponents:**

Mike Jacobson  
David Ulferts  
Jennifer Taylor  
David Levy

**Representing:**

North Platte Community Development Authority  
Omaha By Design/Self  
City of Omaha  
Turner Park North/Omaha By Design/Nebraska  
Association of Commercial Property Owners/Eastern  
Nebraska Development Council  
Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce/Lincoln  
Chamber of Commerce/Nebraska Chamber of  
Commerce/Nebraska Bankers Association  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
City of Lincoln

Tom Huston

Lynn Rex  
Eric Gerrard

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LR 399CA would propose an amendment to Article VIII, Section 12 of the Nebraska State Constitution to require that before pledging property taxes for a tax-increment financing (TIF) project, a city or village must receive voter approval from the registered voters within the city or village, as well as the registered voters of each school district and county whose property taxes would be pledged. The proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2016.

LR 399CA would not apply to any pledge of property taxes occurring prior to January 1, 2017.

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Sue Crawford, Chairperson