

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB967

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2018

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

LB 967 repeals Nebraska Statute 18-2123. The statute enacted in 1951, allows for, in Nebraska's Community Development Law, the inclusion of undeveloped land outside the city, but within a radius of three miles thereof and not within a substandard or blighted area to be included into a city's redevelopment program if it is considered essential to the general community redevelopment program.

After the advent of Tax-Increment Financing being constitutionally approved by the voters in 1978, section 18-2123 of redevelopment law is being abused and misinterpreted to imply that it is acceptable to use the statute to expand Tax-Increment Financing's use for substandard and blighted areas, beyond its original intent.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Groene