

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB564

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 05, 2019
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Bolz
One Liner: Change the Civic and Community Center Financing Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Briese, Crawford, Hansen, M., Hunt, Lowe, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kate Bolz
Hannah Young
Suzanne Wise
Lynn Rex
Amanda Barker

Representing:

Legislative District 29
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands
Nebraska Arts Council Agency
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Civic Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 564 would amend the Civic and Community Center Financing Act (CCCFA) to make a number of changes, including:

- Defining eligible facilities under the CCCFA
- Replacing the term "community center" with the term "public space"
- Eliminating requirements that facilities be owned by a municipality in order to be eligible to receive CCCFA funds
- Expanding the definition of historic building or district
- Allowing grants under the CCCFA to be utilized for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings or districts
- Allowing projects receiving grants under the CCCFA to be located within the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction (ETJ) of a city of the first class, city of the second class, or village
- Allowing eligible facilities that are jointly owned by a municipality and either a non-profit entity or county to receive grant funds under the CCCFA
- Striking the requirement that municipalities be notified why their application for grant funding was not fully funded

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1276 makes a series of changes to the bill, including:

- Allows eligible facilities that are jointly owned by a municipality and another political subdivision, rather than facilities jointly owned by a municipality and a non-profit entity, to receive grant funds under the CCCFA
- Requires that grants under the CCCFA for preservation, restoration, conversion, rehabilitation, or reuse of historic

buildings or districts be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Officer

-Restores requirements that facilities be owned by a municipality in order to be eligible to receive CCCFA funds and that municipalities be notified why their application for grant funding was not fully funded

-Allows grants under the CCCFA to be utilized for the construction of public spaces

-Adds definition of "political subdivision"

-Strikes existing statutory language that potentially violates Article XIII, Section 3 of the Nebraska Constitution

-Harmonizes provisions

Justin Wayne, Chairperson