

One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1078

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 25, 2020

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

LB 1078 would adopt the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act. Under the Act, cities of the metropolitan class, cities of the primary class, and cities of the first class would be eligible to create an inland port authority in eligible areas within their corporate boundaries, extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction, or both.

The purposes of a port authority under the Act would be to assist in the development of large shovel-ready commercial and industrial sites and serve as a regional merging point for multi-modal transportation and distribution of goods to and from ports and other locations in other regions.

In order to be eligible for designation as an inland port district, an area must be greater than three hundred acres and meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Located within one mile of a navigable river or other navigable waterway;
- Located within one mile of a major rail line;
- Located within two miles of any portion of the federally designated National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or any other four-lane divided highway; or
- Located within two miles of a major airport

Under LB 1078, no more than five inland port districts may be designated statewide.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Justin Wayne