

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB156

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 02, 2021
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Wayne
One Liner: Adopt the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	4	Senators Blood, Hansen, M., Hunt, Wayne
Nay:	2	Senators Arch, Lowe
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Briese

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Justin Wayne
Mark Norman
Mayor Joey Spellerberg
Kristin Hassebrook

Representing:

Legislative District 13
Greater Omaha Chamber / Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
City of Fremont
Nebraska Chamber / Nebraska Economic Developers
Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 156 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 (ETJ), or both.

The purposes of an inland 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
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- Located within two miles of a major airport

Under LB 156, no more than five inland port districts may be designated statewide.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 223 authorizes the formation of inland port authorities by counties with a population over 20,000 and authorizes the formation of joint inland port authorities by a city and one or more counties in which the city or the city's ETJ is located.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson