ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1253

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 01, 2022
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Wayne
One Liner: Require the Department of Economic Development to apply for grants from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund and provide requirements for use of the grant funds in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class

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Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

    Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

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

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:	**Representing:**
Senator Justin Wayne	Legislative District 13
Jack Cheloha	City of Omaha
Eric Gerrard	City of Lincoln

Opponents:	**Representing:**
Michelle Weber	Nebraska Economic Developers Association
Tip O'Neill	Nebraska Telecommunication Association

Neutral:	**Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1253 would require the Department of Economic Development to apply for grants from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Under the bill, any grant funds received by the Department from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund must be split equally to fund multipurpose community facilities located within federally qualified census tracts in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class. Grant funds could not be provided to political subdivisions or used for broadband infrastructure projects.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1858 is a white-copy amendment that replaces the bill.

Under AM 1858, the Department of Economic Development would be required to use at least 50% of funds received from

the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for eligible projects located in federally qualified census tracts.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson

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