

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB998**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 15, 2022  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Change provisions of the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Arch, Blood, Briese, Hunt, Lowe, Wayne
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Hansen, M.
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Mark Norman

**Representing:**

Legislative District 13  
Greater Omaha Chamber

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 998 would amend the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act to make a number of changes, including:

- Allowing a non-profit economic development corporation to apply directly to the Department of Economic Development for the designation of an inland port authority if the city or county has not taken steps to create one;
- Permitting up to 25% of an area designated as an inland port district to be noncontiguous with the remaining portions of the district;
- Authorizing a port authority to grant funds to any business located within the boundaries of the inland port district;
- Clarifying that the Department of Economic Development may establish prioritization criteria for the designation of inland port authorities; and
- Clarifying that the Act does not require that real property located within the boundaries of an inland port district be publicly owned

LB 998 includes the Emergency Clause

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 1939 strikes the provisions authorizing a port authority to grant funds to any business located within the boundaries of the inland port district.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson