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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB836

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2022

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

LB 836 would provide a mechanism for cities to remove blighted or extremely blighted designations for areas that no longer qualify as such. No such mechanism currently exists, despite the fact that many areas previously designated as blighted have changed substantially over time.

Under the bill, cities would be required to re-examine any areas that have been designated as blighted or extremely blighted for at least 30 years every 5 years to determine if the area still fits the criteria for that designation. If the area no longer qualifies as blighted, the city shall revoke its blighted designation.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Megan Hunt