

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27642 / S1303

This bill includes two changes to Idaho's urban renewal law:

1. Currently, urban renewal boards are not required to be elected by the citizens, but they have the power of eminent domain. These boards are created by a municipality whose governance, be it city council or county commission, are elected by the people and also have the power of eminent domain. This bill seeks to remove the power of eminent domain from unelected urban renewal boards, making them advisory only on such issues, and moving the final decision to the elected municipal body. This will result in more direct accountability to the voters.
2. If an elected person is appointed to an urban renewal board, they must vacate their position upon leaving that elected position, though this would not preclude them from being reappointed in a different capacity.

FISCAL NOTE

There should be no significant fiscal impact to the state or local municipality for these changes.

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