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2003 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1457

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1457

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 3, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Elizabeth R. Greer</i>			

Minutes: **Chair Kelsner** opened hearing on HB 1457

Rep. Carlson explained the intent of the bill. He explained the benefits for giving cities a break on Renaissance Zones. They will get revenue from real estate tax, sales tax on fixtures in the buildings, and many contractors are hired.

Bob Stein (City of Fargo): Supports with written testimony.

Rep. Ekstrom: What do you call "downtown"? Stein said that for Fargo, that is from University Avenue to the river and down to 9th St. Rep. Ekstrom asked if the rules are that it still be contiguous. Stein said that would not change.

Rep. Johnson: Who determines if any area is not progressing and what happens if the zone moves because one area is not developing? Stein said this bill expands the area. If there is no progression, the zone committee can stop it. But if a project is ongoing, they will not just stop the project. Rep. Johnson then asked if most cities have a "downtown" area. Stein said most do have a defined area for one reason or another.

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Rep. Froseth: After some confusion of whether or not the language is 35 blocks or 35%, Stein said he would like it amended to "blocks." Rep Froseth then asked if they leave the zoning location up to the planning commission. Stein said he believes that is correct.

Rep. Kasper asked for clarification on that this bill is for any city greater than 5,000 and Stein said that yes, this is for all cities greater than 5,000; not just Fargo.

Rep. Klein: How do you determine progress is not being made? Stein said there is a review done on the projects. Rep. Klein then asked if there is a timeline. Stein said there is not, but feels they should add "annual" adjustment.

Rep. Kasper: Asked if Stein has done studies on the positive impact this will have on ND in the long term. Stein said no in-depth study has been done. They do an annual report on jobs created. They feel that year 8 is about when the payback starts.

Rep. Johnson wanted clarification on the acronym CBD. Stein said it stands for Central Business District.

Bill Wocken (City Administrator, Bismarck): Supports, although he has not talked to all board members.

Rep. Johnson asked whether he has an opinion on 35% or 35 blocks. Wocken thinks Bismarck would come out about the same.

Rich Gray (ND Dept. of Commerce): Neutral. Concerned with "downtown." Renaissance does not have to be downtown. They should look for opportunities. Would like it to be amended to 35 blocks. 35 blocks is easier to define than percentages. In response to Rep. Johnson's earlier question on whether or not development is occurring, Gray said that they have five years

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to develop. If it does not happen, you can move to a different block. But if one building is progressing, the whole block is considered to be "progressing."

Rep. Severson: Is an annual review too soon instead of the five year review? Gray is torn on that issue. You don't want to jump from project to project too soon, but also do not want little to no progress. Rep. Severson then asked what Gray's opinion of the blocks v. percentages. Gray said that blocks is much cleaner.

Rep. Keiser then asked about small cities where 35 blocks could be 60% of the city. Rep. Keiser asked if we need to keep a percentage to make sure the entire town is not considered a Renaissance Zone. Gray said that we need to look at the intent. It was intended to make hard decisions. Not intended to be the entire city. You need to look at the opportunities for development.

Rep. Kasper asked if they should keep or get rid of the contiguous requirement. Gray said that goes back to the intent, which was a defined geographic area.

Chair Keiser closed hearing on HB 1457

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-05-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Pam Deven</i>			

Minutes: **Chairman Keiser:** Let's look at HB1457.

Rep. N. Johnson: Here are copies of amendments. We had questions in original bill. It talked about not greater than 35% of the downtown. There was no definition of "downtown". This amendment changes that section to add one addition block to every 5,000 population. Look at line 7 for the proposed Renaissance Zone.

Rep. Severson: I move a DO PASS on Amendments.

Rep. Ekstrom: I second.

Voice vote on amendments: Amendments Passed.

Rep. Severson: I move a DO PASS as Amended.

Rep. N. Johnson: I second

VOTE: 13 Yes 0 No 1 Absent. Rep. N. Johnson will carry the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/21/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1457

1A. **State fiscal effect:** Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

HB 1457 alters some of the requirements for renaissance zones relative to the zone boundaries. Although it may alter which projects are qualified within a zone, it is unlikely that this bill alone will have any direct fiscal impact.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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Phone Number:	328-3402	Date Prepared:	01/31/2003

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1457

passed

On Page 1, Line 9 of the bill after "blocks" insert "at the rate of one additional block for each additional five thousand population to a maximum size of thirty-five blocks. Population is to be determined from the most recent federal dicennial census."

On Page 1, Line 9 of the bill delete "if the proposed"

Delete Page 1, Lines 10 and 11 in their entirety.

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Committee

February 4, 2003

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1457 IBL 2-6-03

Page 1, line 9, replace "if the proposed" with "at the rate of one additional block for each additional five thousand population to a maximum size of thirty-five blocks. Population is based upon the most recent federal decennial census"

Page 1, remove line 10

Page 1, line 11, remove "as designated by the governing body of the city"

Re-number accordingly

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Date: 2/5/03
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1457

House Industry, Business & Labor Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By Severson Seconded By Johnson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	/		Rep.Boe	/	
Rep.Severson, Vice-Chair	/		Rep.Ekstrom	/	
Rep.Dosch	/		Rep.Thorpe	/	
Rep. Froseth	/		Rep. Zaiser	/	
Rep. Johnson	/				
Rep.Kasper	/				
Rep. Klein	/				
Rep. Nottlestad	/				
Rep. Ruby	/				
Rep.Tieman	/				

Total (Yes) 3 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Johnson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

