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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to approval of certain urban renewal projects and
2 including effective and applicability date provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 403.5, Code 2003, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. If the urban renewal plan includes a
4 project for housing or residential development, or for
5 providing or aiding in the provision of public improvements
6 related to housing and residential development, the governing
7 body of an affected taxing entity that is a school district or
8 a county, or a school district or a city, whichever is
9 applicable, shall, by resolution, approve the project before
10 the plan may take effect. For purposes of this subsection, a
11 project does not include the assurance of assistance for low
12 and moderate income family housing required under section
13 403.22.

14 Sec. 2. Section 403.5, subsection 5, Code 2003, is amended
15 by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

16 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If the urban renewal plan to be
17 amended or modified includes a project for housing or
18 residential development, or for providing or aiding in the
19 provision of public improvements related to housing and
20 residential development, the governing body of an affected
21 taxing entity that is a school district or a county, or a
22 school district or a city, whichever is applicable, shall, by
23 resolution, approve the project before the amendment or
24 modification to the plan may take effect. For purposes of
25 this subsection, a project does not include the assurance of
26 assistance for low and moderate income family housing required
27 under section 403.22.

28 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act,
29 being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
30 enactment and applies to urban renewal plans proposed on or
31 after the effective date of this Act, and to amendments or
32 modifications proposed to existing urban renewal plans on or
33 after the effective date of this Act.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides that if an urban renewal plan proposed

1 by a city includes a project for housing or residential
2 development, or for providing or aiding in the provision of
3 public improvements related to housing and residential
4 development, the project must be approved by any school
5 district and county that levies property taxes in the urban
6 renewal area before the plan may take effect. If the urban
7 renewal plan containing a housing or residential development
8 project is proposed by a county, the project must be approved
9 by any school district and city that levies property taxes in
10 the urban renewal area before the plan may take effect. The
11 bill also applies to amendments or modifications to an
12 existing urban renewal plan if the plan contains a project for
13 housing or residential development. The bill provides that
14 funds provided as assurance for low and moderate income family
15 housing and residential development under Code section 403.22
16 is not considered a project of the urban renewal plan.

17 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to urban
18 renewal plans proposed on or after the effective date of the
19 bill and applies to amendments or modifications to existing
20 urban renewal plans which amendments or modifications are
21 proposed on or after the effective date of the bill.

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