

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

The FS for SB 994 modifies procedures related to eminent domain seizures. The measure specifies that such property may not be taken or damaged by a condemning authority unless the taking or damage is necessary for a public use and with just compensation. The condemning authority must prove the land it seeks to seize is needed for public use and the public use cannot be accomplished absent the seizure. The owner of private property being condemned for blight has a right to have a court determine whether private property is being taken an improper purpose. The measure also preempts any political subdivision from expanding the use of eminent domain absent statutory authority.

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