



## MEMO OF SUPPORT

### S3159 (Skoufis) / A5258 (Solages)

*Prohibits county IDAs from offering incentives  
in municipalities with their own IDA*

April 3, 2026

#### **TITLE OF BILL**

An act to amend the general municipal law, in relation to disallowing county industrial development agencies [IDAs] from offering incentives in municipalities which have their own industrial development agency.

#### **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT**

Reinvent Albany strongly supports this bill because it will reduce unnecessary or excessive corporate subsidies and prevent companies from pitting nearby IDAs against each other.

Recently, in Nassau County, the Glen Cove IDA declined to give \$2 million in tax breaks to a developer to build an apartment complex downtown. After losing the vote, the developer went to the Nassau County IDA, which then [approved the tax breaks](#) for the same project.

It's plainly ridiculous that businesses spurned by one IDA can simply go to another to get tax breaks [that do little to boost the local economy](#). Since IDAs [pocket fees from deals](#), IDA shopping also encourages a "race to the bottom" where IDAs give away more tax breaks than others in order to get bigger payouts.

Some IDAs, like those in Erie County, [have established a countywide Uniform Tax Exemption Policy \(UTEPEP\)](#) to set standards for subsidies, including PILOTS (payments in lieu of taxes) for projects across the County to promote uniformity in granting tax exemptions and prevent IDA shopping by companies. This bill would further support the spirit of those cooperative efforts.

Ending this system will mean less public money for projects that don't need it, and more for our schools, transit, and environment. We urge the Legislature to pass the bill.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS**

Section 1 adds a new §863 to General Municipal Law prohibiting county IDAs from offering incentives to projects in municipalities that have their own IDA.

Section 2 states that the bill takes effect two years after becoming law.