

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)**  
**LB459**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday March 01, 2011  
**Committee On:** Agriculture  
**Introducer:** Schilz  
**One Liner:** Limit the adoption of any law by a political subdivision regarding the ownership of an animal

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Bloomfield, Brasch, Carlson, Harr, Karpisek, Larson, Lathrop, Wallman  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Ken Schilz  
Dr. Bruce Brodersen  
Craig Head  
Pete McClymont

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Nebraska Cattlemen

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Gary Krumland

**Representing:**

League of Municipalities

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Section 1 of LB 459 inserts a new section of statute prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting local ordinances, rules or proclamations that describe the relationship between humans and animals or that change the legal status of an animal. The bill enumerates entities included in the definition of political subdivision for purposes of the bill.

Section 2 of the bill instructs the Revisor of Statutes to assign section 1 to Chapter 13, Article 4.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment (AM 720) strikes original section 1 and inserts a new section that becomes section 1 of the bill. The section restates the prohibition of the original bill that political subdivisions may not assign or define a legal status of animals that is inconsistent with animal's status as personal property.

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Tom Carlson, Chairperson