

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1262

Hearing Date: Thursday February 03, 2022
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Murman
One Liner: Adopt the Recreation Area Assistance Act and state intent regarding appropriation of federal funds

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Aguilar, Bostelman, Gragert, Hughes, Jacobson
Nay:	3	Senators Cavanaugh, J., Moser, Wayne
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Dave Murman
Jim Swenson
Scott Smathers
Emily White
Cynthia Boeler

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Sportsmen Foundation
Harlan County Tourism
Harlan County Board of Supervisors

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB1262, as originally introduced by Senator Murman, creates the Recreation Area Assistance Act (Act), and the corresponding Recreation Area Assistance Fund and grants the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (Commission) all power necessary to administer and carry out certain specified projects in State Recreational Areas in order to assist recreation areas that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and that depend upon the revenue generated from water related recreation activities.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2411 deletes language identifying specific project types that may or may not meet recently updated guidelines under ARPA and replaces it with a requirement that it cover projects in recreation areas that comply with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), and which include potential investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Section 1: Names the legislation The Recreation Area Assistance Act

Section 2: Findings and declarations of adverse impact and state's best interest

Section 3: Definitions for purposes of the Act

Section 4: States purpose of the Act; language of AM2411 replaces original subsection (1);
Grant of powers to Game and Parks Commission.

Section 5: Creates the Recreation Area Assistance Fund; sets guidelines for the Fund; States
intent to appropriate \$8 million in FY 2022-23 from federal ARPA funds provided to the State.

Section 6: Authorizes the commission to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations

Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson