ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016 COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB745

Hearing Date:	Wednesday February 03, 2016	
Committee On:	Natural Resources	
Introducer:	McCollister	
One Liner:	Change Game and Parks Commission fee and permit provisions	

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Johnson, Kolowski, Lindstrom, McCollister, Schilz, Schnoor
Nay:	2	Senators Friesen, Hughes
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

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Proponents:	Representing:
Senator John McCollister	Introducer
Jim Douglas	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Rex Fisher	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
John Mueller	Self
Andy Pollock	Nebraska Travel Association
Scott Smathers	Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation
Wes Sheets	Nebraska Izaak Walton League
Jerry McDonald	Nebraska Pheasants Forever
Duane Hovorka	Nebraska Wildlife Federation
Gary Stevens	Self
Marian Langan	Audubon Nebraska
Steve Wilson	Ducks Unlimited
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:
Senator Ernie Chambers	Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 745 increases specific fees, increases the caps on user fees, and increases the allowed growth rate for a variety of fees that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is authorized to charge for permits, stamps, and licenses. The proposed increases will fund the commission's duties and activities related to hunting and fishing, and maintaining and operating Nebraska's park and recreation activities.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson