

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB126

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 23, 2019
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Hughes
One Liner: Provide for special landowner deer hunting permits as prescribed

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Albrecht, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser
Nay:	1	Senator Bostelman
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Quick

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Dan Hughes
Robert Forch
Andrew Case
Merlyn Nielsen

Representing:
Introducer
self
self
self

Opponents:
Lee Rupp
Timothy McCoy
Scott Smathers
Jerry McDonald
Wes Sheets
Matt Buresh
Tom Lanz
Brian Byerly

Representing:
self
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation
Pheasants and Quail Forever
Nebraska Division of Isaak Walton League
Nebraska Bowhunters Association
self
National Wild Turkey Federation

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 126 is Sen.Hughes' bill to the statute allowing the Game and Parks Commission to issue limited permits for deer, antelope, wild turkey or elk hunting. The bill would authorize the commission to issue up to four additional firearm deer hunting permits for seven days before the regular season to a landowner and his or her family if the landowner makes 50% or more of his or her land open for public hunting.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 757 would reduce the days the additional permits would be usable to the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the regular season, and would remove the requirement that the landowner open his or her land for public hunting.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson