ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB562

Hearing Date: Thursday February 20, 2025

Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer: Brandt

One Liner: Change provisions relating to permits and stamps issued by the Game and Parks Commission

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 6 Senators Brandt, Clouse, DeKay, Hughes, Moser, Raybould

Nay: 2 Senators Conrad, Juarez

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:
Senator Tom Brandt Opening Presenter

Timothy McCoy Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB562 amends sections of the Nebraska Game Law to allow an increase to the caps for certain fees charged by the Game and Parks Commission, to raise the number of certain permits, and to clean up and remove redundant language.

Section 37-438 is amended to allow an increase in park permit fees. The annual resident fee is capped at no more than \$50, and daily permit fee is capped at no more than \$10. Nonresident fees remain at twice the resident fee. Section 37-1214 is amended to authorize an increase in the cost of an aquatic invasive species stamp for nonresident motorboat owners from \$15 to \$30.

LB 562 also amends section 37-451 to increase the allowable number of additional auction permits for mountain sheep from 1 to 2 and amends section 37-455 to clarify who is qualified as a Nebraska resident for a limited permit to hunt elk. Section 37-440 is amended to eliminate redundant language.

^{*} ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Tom Brandt, Chairperson

