

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1028

Chairperson: Senator Tom Brandt

Committee: Natural Resources

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of LB1028 is to create standards for entities classified as large concentrated animal feeding operations who apply large amounts of animal waste for fertilization purposes, in order to protect Nebraska's water resources, both underground and above ground, from contamination entering water resources.

LB1028 amends the Livestock Waste Management Act by requiring large concentrated animal feeding operations to publicly register and annually update Nutrient Management Plans. The farming operation will be compensated annually for as long as the waste is applied to the land.

LB1028 also requires the entity implementing the Nutrient Management Plan to compensate for the establishment and maintenance of a thirty-foot perennial buffer zone along adjacent waterways, and when reasonably possible, implement regenerative agriculture practices on the land receiving livestock waste.

Regenerative agriculture means those who farm or ranch the land are utilizing practices which; minimize tillage, establish living roots systems year around including cover crops, armor the soil with increased plant matter build up, increase biodiversity, integrate livestock grazing systems, and which respect and restore a region's native ecosystem.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Margo Juarez