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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 724

Chairperson: LeRoy Louden
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: January 23, 2008

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

LB 724 amends the Remedial Action Plan Monitoring Act by reducing the application fee and initial deposit fee required by applicants to enter Nebraska's Voluntary Cleanup Program. The purpose of these changes is to encourage greater participation in the program.

The Remedial Action Plan Monitoring Act, initially created in 1994, established the Nebraska Voluntary Cleanup Program. The voluntary cleanup program provides property owners and parties responsible for contamination with a mechanism for developing voluntary environmental cleanup plans that are reviewed and approved by the Department of Environmental Quality. The voluntary cleanup program provides an avenue for businesses to proceed with cleanup of property and an opportunity for regulatory review and oversight that may not be available at the federal level.

This bill reduces the application fee required from five thousand dollars to two thousand dollars, and the initial deposit from five thousand dollars to three thousand dollars.

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