



One Hundred First Legislature - First Special Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 6

Chairperson: Tom Carlson
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: November 9, 2009

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

LB 6 would amend §54-628 of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act by eliminating language requiring regular inspection of licensees performed at least once in a 24-month period. The revisions would revert to previous language before the enactment of LB 12 in 2007 that merely authorized the Department to establish an inspection program. The intent of the revision is to restore flexibility in the scope of inspections required to be performed under the Act to resources available to the program.

The revisions in LB 6 do not preclude the Department from continuing with the current level of inspection activity or even expanding inspection activity, if the Legislature chooses to continue general fund support or to replace general funds with additional cash revenues. The revisions do however provide the Legislature with flexibility to reduce general fund appropriations to this program as part of the state budget reconciliation process, and the Department statutory flexibility to adjust its inspection program accordingly.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Tom Carlson