

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB248

Hearing Date: Thursday February 10, 2011
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Dubas
One Liner: Change provisions relating to burning permits and range-management burning

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Annette Dubas David Carr Joel Cerny	Representing: Introducer Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; Central Platte Natural Resources District Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:
LB 248 clarifies the purposes for which open burning may be utilized.

Sections 1, 3 and 4 clean up and clarify the open burning ban and waiver language in 81-520.01, 81-520.04, and 81-520.05.

Section 2 amends 81-520.03, which states the purposes for which burning may be used, by clarifying the manner in which a fire chief may designate a fire department member to share powers and duties relevant to these sections.

Also adds to the purposes for which burning can be done: for vegetative matter on grassland, pasture or other land, to control weeds, pests, insects, and disease in grassland, pasture or forest, to prevent wildland fires, and to manage watersheds, windbreaks, and forests.

Section 5 repeals the original sections.

Explanation of amendments:
Committee amendment AM272 makes clarifications to the definition of land management burning and adds that scientific research may be conducted under the land management burning law.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson