

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB760

Hearing Date: Friday January 20, 2012
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Schilz
One Liner: Change provisions relating to meetings of the Environmental Quality Council and grants made to political subdivisions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Ken Schilz
Mike Linder
Loran Schmit

Representing:

Introducer
Department of Environmental Quality
Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 760, introduced on behalf of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), would reduce the number of required meetings of the Environmental Quality Council from four to two per year. The other change in the bill simply gives recognition to the fact that there are other statutes relating to grants from the department to political subdivisions that must be followed that are not consistent with the council's priorities.

Section-by-section description:

Section 1 amends 81-1503, which created the Environmental Quality Council and contains provisions on its membership, by deleting the requirement that the council hold at least four meetings once each calendar quarter, and replacing it with a requirement of at least two regular meetings each year. Also clarifies that the director of the Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to control grants to political subdivisions according to the council's priorities, unless otherwise directed by statute.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson