

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB928

Hearing Date: Thursday February 02, 2012
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Louden
One Liner: Provide for mountain lion hunting permits

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 LeRoy Louden
Sam Wilson
Joe Herrod
Wes Sheets
Lance Kuck
Ron Klataske

Representing:

Introducer
Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Council of Sportsmen's Clubs
Nebraska Division, Izaak Walton League
Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation
Hutton Niobrara Ranch and Wildlife Sanctuary

Opponents:

Patricia Fuller
Angelica Turtle Lady Byorth
Rodney Drewes
David Thomson

Representing:

Self
Self
Self
Self

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 928 would allow, but not require, the Game and Parks Commission to issue mountain lion hunting permits to residents or by auction to residents or nonresidents.

Section-by-section description:

Section 1 amends 37-201, which cites the Game Law, by adding reference to the new section proposed in this bill.

Section 2 creates new language authorizing the commission to issue mountain lion hunting permits, subject to the current limitations of law for all hunting licenses. Permits are for Nebraska residents, but may be auctioned for nonresidents. A nonrefundable application fee may not be more than \$25 for residents, and no additional permit fee may be charged. Such permits are to be awarded by random drawing.

No more than one additional permit may be authorized and issued at auction open to residents and nonresidents,

conducted according to commission rules and regulations, with proceeds to be used only for "perpetuation and management of mountain lions."

Section 3 amends 37-452, which contains hunting age requirements, by adding mountain lions to the list of animals that one must be at least 12 years of age to hunt and, until the age of 16, be supervised by a validly permitted adult hunter. Such adult hunter (at least 19 years of age) may not supervise more than two people while hunting mountain lions.

Section 4 repeals the original sections.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson