

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB288

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: March 05, 2013

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

LB 288 would change the definition of "commercial breeder" subject to licensure and inspection under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operators Inspection Act. Current law defines a commercial dog breeder as one who meets at least one of a few criteria, including owning four or more breeding dogs or producing four or more litter a year. Those criteria could impact hobbyists, sportsmen, and ranchers who keep several intact dogs, but are not commercial breeders.

LB 288 would combine criteria to say that a breeder would be subject to the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspector Act only if they own four or more breeding animals and produce four or more litters a year.

The bill also clarifies that fees for licenses shall be determined by the number of animals owned on the licensure renewal date.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Carlson