

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB493**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 20, 2013**

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

LB 493 would allow the Game and Parks Commission to lease or otherwise transfer portions of the Cowboy Trail to a political subdivision. It would also allow the Commission to lease portions of the Trail to a nonprofit organization.

Any entity that assumed responsibility for a portion of the Trail would be required to do so at its own expense.

LB 493 would permit local government entities to develop the trail in a manner which fits their unique needs or desires for the trail, but the trail would always remain available for conversion back to a railroad bed if the need developed.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Al Davis**