

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

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB63**

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**Chairperson: Senator Galen Hadley**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: March 14, 2013**

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

LB63 provides the funding mechanism to LB391 that was passed in 2012, which requires the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to implement protection of Nebraska's aquatic resources from the multitude of losses associated with aquatic invasive species. LB63 would credit to the State Game Fund one-half of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes derived from the sale or lease of motorboats. This would amount to approximately \$1.2 million annually. The proceeds credited to the State Game Fund would be targeted primarily for aquatic invasive species monitoring and control with secondary emphasis on motorboat access development. Specifically, funds would support:

- Aquatic Invasive species: temporary staff, boat inspections, decontamination units, research and monitoring, and contingency funding for future infestations.
- Motorboat Access Development: road and parking improvement, handicap accessibility improvement, boat ramps/docks, etc.

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

**Senator Ken Schilz**