

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB902

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 03, 2016
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Kolowski
One Liner: Change the Nebraska Clean-burning Motor Fuel Development Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Friesen, Hughes, Johnson, Kolowski, Lindstrom, McCollister, Schilz, Schnoor

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Rick Kolowski
Mike Hoelscher
Jill Becker
John Hansen

Representing:

Introducer
Sapp Brothers, Stirk CNG, Central Valley Ag Coop
Black Hills Energy
Nebraska Farmers Union

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 902 clarifies language in the Nebraska Clean-burning Motor Fuel Development Act, passed in 2015, which provides rebates and incentives for qualified clean alternative fuel vehicles and for the conversion of vehicles to clean alternative fuels using certified or approved conversion systems. The bill clarifies that rebates are for ethanol flex fuel dispensers, not ethanol vehicles; eligible vehicles only qualify for one rebate that follows the vehicle rather than the owner; and that up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for administrative costs of the program.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2287 replaces the bill and adds allowing rebates for conversions to dual fuel or bi-fuel systems utilizing ethanol, and clarification that new vehicles that are designed to use an ethanol blend are not eligible for rebates, which was not the intention of the bill.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson