

Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB142

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: January 21, 2015

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

To create the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to be used by Game and Parks to prevent and mitigate damage caused by aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, silver carp, and other such species. These species have proven destructive to the ecosystems and usability of surface waters in surrounding states, and steps must be taken to prevent their establishment in Nebraska.

The Aquatic Invasive Species Program will be funded with a fee of between five and ten dollars, every three years that is paid with motorboat registration and/or renewal. Non-Nebraska boats shall be eligible for a yearly stamp at a cost of between ten and fifteen dollars.

These funds are to be allocated for use in monitoring, testing, decontamination, and mitigation of aquatic invasive species in Nebraska surface waters.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Schilz