

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB329

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: March 05, 2015

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

LB329 encourages landowners to grant access to their farm and ranch land for recreation and tourism activities by reducing the risk of liability. The bill revises existing recreation liability law and provides protection from liability for landowners allowing persons on their land for recreation and tourism activities, such as hunting, fishing, birding, hiking, water sports and archeological work. It allows landowners to charge a fee for such activities, but requires notice be given of inherent risks on the land, in order for the landowner to be protected from liability.

LB329 protects landowners from liability arising from injuries and damages caused by inherent risks of the land. It does not change ordinary standards of care the landowner has for not notifying the participant of known hazards, not maintaining equipment, or not properly training employees. Nor does it relieve the landowner of liability for acts that are grossly negligent, willfully in disregard for the safety of others or intentional.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Schilz