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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB745

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2016

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

LB 745 would increase the caps on user fees that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is authorized to charge for a variety of permits, stamps and licenses.

The Commission's activities are funded primarily by user fees. In 2015 87 percent of the Commission's revenue was derived from user fees and grant funds. Approximately 13 percent of the Commission's funding for the same period came from the state's General Fund.

LB 745 would create new fee caps to replace existing caps, nearly all of which have been in place since 2003. With new caps in place, the Commission could adjust fees that have been in effect since 2008, 2009 or 2010, in order to keep up with increases in the cost of performing its obligations to manage hunting and fishing, and maintain and operate Nebraska's park and outdoor recreation facilities.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John McCollister