

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB863**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 04, 2016**

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

LB 863 would create the Wind Energy Expansion Act. The bill would require the State Energy Office to create a program through which counties may apply to receive a "wind energy friendly" designation. The State Energy Office would be authorized to consider a variety of criteria to determine whether a county is wind energy friendly, and would require the creation of a resource data base to provide counties with wind energy promotion information.

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

Senator Ken Schilz