

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB336

Hearing Date: Thursday January 28, 2021
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Hughes
One Liner: Provide for regular and limited annual and temporary state park entry permits

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, J., Gragert, Groene, Hughes, Moser, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Dan Hughes
Deb Schilz
Ken Schilz

Representing:

Self
Kieth County Visitor Committee
Kieth County Area Development

Opponents:

Timothy McCoy

Representing:

Nebraska Game and Parks

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 336 seeks to remedy some of the financial challenges that accompany the large number of nonresident visitors to the Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala State Recreation Areas (Areas). As originally drafted, LB336 created a category of nonresident "limited" annual and temporary park permits that would limit access to all park areas in the state except Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala State Recreational areas and increased nonresident fees for regular permits that included the areas. It also directs that at least 95% of the increase be designated for use to defray costs at those lake areas.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee amendment replaces the original bill, deleting the creation of the category of "limited" permits and special designation of funds and, amends Section 37-438 to set nonresident motor vehicle permits at two times the fee for resident motor vehicle or sixty dollars, whichever is greater and sets the nonresident temporary permit fee at two times the resident fee or twelve dollars, whichever is greater.

Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson