

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB468**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 11, 2021  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Erdman  
**One Liner:** Provide compensation by the Game and Parks Commission for property damage caused by wildlife

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 6 Senators Aguilar, Bostelman, Gragert, Hughes, Jacobson, Moser  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:** 2 Senators Cavanaugh, J., Wayne

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Steve Erdman  
John Ross

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Self

**Opponents:**  
Tim McCoy  
Alcia Hardin  
Scott Smathers  
Jerry McDonald

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Game and Parks  
Nebraska Game and Parks  
Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation  
Pheasants Forever

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

**Representing:**

**Opponents:**  
Katie Zulkowski

**Representing:**  
Ducks Unlimited

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB468 amends Section 37-201 to 37-811 and 37-1501 to 37-151 of the state Game Law and provides that the Game and Parks Commission shall compensate landowners for damage to farm crops, livestock, structures, fencing, and other property caused by game animals and game birds on an ongoing basis; directs the commission to make and adopt rules and regulations for reimbursing landowners for the damage and to include in those rules a provisions for assessment of damages by a third-party certified appraiser, inspector, or real estate appraiser agreed upon by the commission and the

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landowner.

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Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson