## One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Special Session - 2024 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB66 Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman Committee: Natural Resources Date of Hearing: August 01, 2024 The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby: LB 66 mandates plans for replenishing and stocking wildlife, including the potential construction and expansion of fish hatcheries with a budget cap of ten million dollars for the fiscal year 2024-25. It delegates the administration of state wildlife management areas to the commission, allowing the imposition of fees for facility use, grants for operation concessions, and research funding aimed at increasing tourism revenue, and using that to reduce property taxes, with costs not exceeding five million dollars for 2024-25.

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