

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB590

Chairperson: Senator Tom Brandt

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 12, 2025

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

LB 590 authorizes the Nebraska Department of Transportation to develop additional mitigation tools to support increased efficiency within the project delivery process. LB 590 gives the Nebraska Department of Transportation the authority to operate a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program by contracting with public and private parties to meet its mitigation obligations for endangered species and other environmental impacts under state and federal law.

Extending the Nebraska Department of Transportation's authority to develop an in-lieu fee or mitigation bank program for endangered species, wetlands, and other natural resources will ensure efficient delivery of Highway improvement projects.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Moser