



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 333

Chairperson: LeRoy Louden
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: January 24, 2007

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

LB 333 makes necessary changes to the Private Waste Water Treatment Systems Contractors Certification and System Registration Act (Act) as follows:

- Clarifies that certified professionals must be used when private waste water systems (Septic Systems) are closed.
- Clarifies that the Act protects the water and land of the state by the issuance of permits and requirements necessary for proper operation and maintenance of septic systems.
- Clarifies that the fee schedule covers the direct and indirect costs of administration and enforcement of the system registration, including late fees for system registration.
- Provides that a fee schedule be established that covers direct and indirect costs for the administration and enforcement of special project permits, subdivision and development areas approvals as required under the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act.
- Establishes a new cash fund for fees collected to enforce the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act.
- Clarifies that the Environmental Quality Council has the authority to issue rules and regulations to establish other requirements relating to private onsite waste water treatment systems as authorized by the Environmental Protection Act.
- Provides that the Director the Department of Environmental Quality may waive the certification and examination fees for inspectors employed by a governmental agency or subdivision which has authority to enforce an inspections and compliance program as least as stringent as the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated under the Act by the Council.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Joel T. Johnson