

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB29

Hearing Date: Friday January 21, 2011
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Langemeier
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the use of certain funds by the Department of Environmental Quality

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Chris Langemeier
Mike Linder

Representing:

Introducer
Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 29 modifies language on the use of various funds the Department of Environmental Quality administers so that they may be used more efficiently and for their intended purposes.

The changes to funds include: (1) Change the funding sources for reimbursement to political subdivisions for cleaning up illegal roadside dumps: Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund; (2) Allow the Department of Environmental Quality to fund petroleum-related emergency response activities out of the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund (currently funded through the Integrated Waste Cash Fund), but all other emergency response activities will continue to use the Integrated Waste Cash Fund; and (3) Eliminate authority to use the Integrated Waste Cash Fund for livestock facility waste cleanup.

Section 1 amends Section 13-2042, relating to landfill disposal fees, by removing authority to use fees credited to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund for spill cleanup activities under the Livestock Waste Management Act. Also removes authority to use fees credited to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund for reimbursements to political subdivisions for illegal roadside dumps, and moves the authority instead to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund.

Section 2 amends Section 66-1519, which creates the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund, by removing obsolete language and providing authority for the fund to be used for costs incurred by the Department of Environmental Quality in responding to spills and other environmental emergencies related to petroleum.

Section 3 amends Section 81-15,162, relating to tire fees under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act, by

adding that fees credited to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund may be used for grants to political subdivisions for illegal roadside dump cleanups.

Section 4 repeals the original sections.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson