

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB849

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 25, 2012
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Sullivan
One Liner: Authorize the Game and Parks Commission to transfer Pibel Lake State Recreation Area to the Lower Loup Natural Resources District

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Kate Sullivan
Russell Callan
Roger Kuhn

Representing:

Introducer
Lower Loup Natural Resources District
Game and Parks Commission

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 849 would allow the Game and Parks Commission to transfer Pibel Lake State Recreation Area to the Lower Loup Natural Resources District. The Game and Parks Commission, and any other state entity, must have statutory authority before making such a conveyance of land. The Legislature grants the authority on a transaction by transaction basis.

Section-by-section description:

Section 1 puts new language into statute authorizing the Game and Parks Commission to convey Pibel Lake State Recreation Area to the Lower Loup Natural Resources District for public purposes. Also provides the legal description of this property.

Section 2 amends 37-354, which lists how property conveyed by the Game and Parks Commission is to be operated and maintained, by adding reference to this bill's conveyance. Also adds that the federally funded public boating access facilities, which are specially assigned and required through 2024, are to be kept in reasonable repair.

Current language states that the commission is responsible for compliance and enforcement of the maintenance requirements in this section, but new language excludes the conveyance in this bill from this responsibility. Instead, the language states that the commission is responsible only for enforcement of the Game Law once Pibel Lake State Recreation Area is conveyed to the natural resources district.

Section 3 repeals the original section.

Section 4 contains an emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1777 eliminates the new language that exempted this transfer of property from the commission's compliance and enforcement responsibilities. Also, regardless of the transfer, the commission is still responsible for enforcement of the state's Game Law, so the language that added reference to enforcement of the Game Law was deleted.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson