



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 916

Chairperson: Ed Schrock
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: January 22, 2004

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

To amend the Livestock Waste Management Act to reflect the new regulations enacted by the federal government for a “concentrated animal feeding operation” also known as the CAFO regulations.

The bill authorizes adoption of regulations no less stringent than the CAFO regulations under the Clean Water Act. The bill seeks to coordinate the state program with the federal CAFO regulations. The ultimate goal is to establish a one-permit system for managing wastes from livestock operations. The permit that will be issued will be a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality for livestock operations.

The inspection fee is changed from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The application fee is reduced from \$300.00 to \$200.00. There is a new annual fee based on the type, number or weight of the animal. It is anticipated that the revenue from fees will provide approximately 20% of the costs for the department to administer the livestock waste control program.

The effective date of the bill is January 1, 2005.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Ed Schrock