



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1214

Chairperson: Ed Schrock
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: February 1, 2006

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

Legislative Bill 1214 would amend the Livestock Waste Management Act regarding animal feeding operations in cold water class A stream watersheds. It would allow scientific evaluation, instead of arbitrary geographical restrictions to determine which new permits, or changes in existing permits would be denied or restricted.

In LB 1214, the Department of Environmental Quality would be given authority to deny or restrict an application from a new animal feeding operation for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, a construction and operating permit, or a permit modification for an animal feeding operation in any part of a watershed that feeds into a cold water class A stream.

Also in Section 54-2419 (2), LB 1214 would strike the arbitrary two mile prohibition denying permit modifications for existing permitted animal feeding operations located within two miles of a designated cold water class A stream. Instead, it would allow new or modified permits if the department determines a permit is necessary, or if the animal feeding operation will not degrade the cold water class A stream.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Adrian M. Smith