



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 291

Chairperson: LeRoy Louden
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: January 25, 2007

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

LB 291 changes the geographic areas from which citizen members of the Environmental Trust Board are appointed.

Currently, the Environmental Trust Board is made up of 9 citizen members representing the three Congressional Districts and 5 members of the executive branch which include the Director of Environmental Quality, the Director of Regulation and Licensure, the Director of Natural Resources, the Director of Agriculture and the secretary of the Game and Parks Commission.

LB 291 changes how the membership is determined with 8 citizens being appointed by the Governor. One citizen will be selected from each of the 8 newly-created districts. The new districts are modeled after the Game and Parks Commission districts created in 2002.

It is my intent and the intent of LB 291 that the current citizen trust board members (with the exception of one) will be transitioned into representing the newly organized geographic structure of the board. The Governor will designate which current board members will represent each new district.

LB 291 does not alter the executive branch membership.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Thomas Hansen