

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB128**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 05, 2019  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Hughes  
**One Liner:** Provide for Wildlife Conservation Plates

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dan Hughes  
Timothy McCoy  
Jim Johnson  
Marjorie Kennedy  
Krista Stoner

**Representing:**

Introducer  
NE Game & Parks  
NE Wildlife Federation  
Wachiska Audubon  
Audubon Nebraska

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This bill would allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to design and issue specialty license plates known as Wildlife Conservation Plates. The department would create no more than three designs reflecting support for wildlife, including sandhill cranes, bighorn sheep and cutthroat trout. Two of the designs would be issued by the department, one an alphanumeric plate, which would cost \$5, and a personalized message plate, with a maximum of five characters, which would cost \$40. The \$5 from the alphanumeric plate and \$30 from the message plate would go to the Game and Parks Educational Fund. Ten dollars from the message plate would be credited to the DMV Cash Fund. Each design would be selected on the basis of limiting the manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the amount charged for the issuance of license plates, which is currently a maximum of \$3.50 per plate.

Plates could be issued beginning January 1, 2020. The plates could be delivered by mail from the DMV or delivered by the DMV to the county treasurer in which the applicant resides, where they could be issued. Only vehicles part of a fleet would be ineligible to have such plates. Owners of farm trucks, trailers, semitrailers, and other vehicles could be issued the plates, but they would be required to have the appropriate tonnage decal, if applicable. The plates could be transferred to other vehicles for the normal charge of \$3. If the plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, replacement plates could be reissued for the normal fee of \$2.50 per plate.

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Curt Friesen, Chairperson