

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1232**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 18, 2026  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Strommen  
**One Liner:** Provide for mountain lion hunting permits

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Brandt, Clouse, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Conrad, Raybould
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Paul Strommen  
Timothy McCoy  
Dustin Allemann  
Matt Buresh  
Paula Dawn Brown

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation  
Nebraska Bowhunters Association  
Brown Angus Ranch

**Opponents:**

Al Davis

**Representing:**

Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB1232, introduced by Senator Strommen, amends sections 37-455 and 37-456 of Nebraska Game Law to authorize issuance of limited permits to hunt mountain lions in a mountain lion management zone.

The permit issuance is limited to: (1) a Nebraska resident landowner who owns 320 acres or more or who leases 640 acres or more of farm or ranch land for agricultural purposes, or a combined 640 acres of leased and owned land, (2) a Nebraska resident who is the partner, officer, shareholder, or beneficiary designated as the qualifying landowner by a partnership, corporation, or trust owning 80 acres or more of farm or ranch land for agricultural purposes, or (3) a member of such landowner's or lessee's immediate family. An immediate family member includes the spouse of the landowner or lessee, any child or stepchild, any grandchild or step-grandchild, any sibling sharing ownership in the property, or any spouse of those persons.



The qualifying farm or ranch land of the applicant must be within an area designated as a mountain lion management zone by the Game and Parks Commission in its rules and regulations. The number of applications allowed for limited mountain lion permits for each farm or ranch shall not exceed the total acreage of the farm or ranch divided by the minimum acreage requirements established for the property. No more than one person may qualify for the same described property.

The commission is authorized to give preference to an applicant who did not receive a limited mountain lion permit during the previous year. The application fee for a resident landowner mountain lion permit is capped at one half the application fee for the regular permit to hunt mountain lions. The issuance of resident landowner limited mountain lion permits issued in any mountain lion management unit shall not exceed 75% of the regular permits authorized for such unit.

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Tom Brandt, Chairperson

