

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB294

Chairperson: Senator Rita Sanders

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2025

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

LB294 allows counties to award grants under their County Visitor Improvement Fund of the greater of a lodging tax rate of one percent or \$2,500. Current statute allows counties to award such grants up to the lodging tax rate of one percent. This limit unnecessarily limits smaller counties because of the low rate. Allowing small counties to spend up to \$2,500 annually, assuming funds are available, will allow those counties to make important improvements to tourist attractions.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tanya Storer