

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB760

Chairperson: Senator Tom Brandt

Committee: Natural Resources

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

LB760 proposes amendments to the Environmental Safety Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-15,261 to 81-15,292, and would transfer certain regulatory authorities related to swimming pools, recreation camps, and mobile home parks from the Department to local governments (county, city, or village) that have jurisdiction over such facilities. The bill would eliminate the Environmental Safety Cash Fund, as the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment would no longer collect revenues from issuing or renewing licenses and permits, nor conduct annual inspections of such facilities under this proposal. The local government with jurisdiction over a given facility may adopt minimum sanitary and safety requirements through local regulations or ordinances, may perform annual inspections, may issue annual operating permits, and continue to exercise their existing nuisance abatement and enforcement authorities.

The bill would eliminate the requirement for Department staff to conduct evaluations of domestic water supplies and onsite wastewater treatment systems that are currently conducted upon request by individuals as a requirement for certain loans.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Brandt