

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB888

Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

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

LB888 is brought at the request of the Public Service Commission to update the provisions of Chapter 75 which set maximum civil penalty amounts for the violations under the Nebraska Uniform Standards for Modular Housing Units Act and the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles.

Current Nebraska law sets civil penalties at \$1,000 per violation, with a \$1,000,000 maximum for a series of violations within one year of the original violation. Federal civil penalties adjust annually for inflation and are currently set at \$3,650 for each violation and \$4,562,282 for any related series of violations occurring within one year from the date of the first violation. No civil penalties have been collected in the program's history; if funds are collected, they would be transferred to the Permanent School Fund.

As the State Administrative Agency for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's manufactured home program in Nebraska, the Public Service Commission is required by 24 CFR § 3282.302(b) (3) to match its state civil penalty amounts with the federal equivalent found at 24 CFR § 3282.10. This bill would align the state and federal civil penalty amounts and establish an annual CPI adjustment to ensure Nebraska's continual compliance with the Federal Manufactured Housing program.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Stan Clouse