ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB30

Hearing Date: Friday January 21, 2011
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Langemeier

One Liner: Change the Environmental Protection Act relating to composting sites

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy,

Schilz, Smith

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Chris Langemeier Introducer

Mike Linder Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 30 would change the frequency in the permit terms and inspections of permitted compost sites by the Department of Environmental Quality, and would allow compost site permits to be transferred to a new owner if a site is sold. The bill does three things: (1) Changes the compost site permit term from five to 10 years; (2) Removes the semi-annual compost site inspection requirement; and (3) Removes the prohibition on transferring permits, so that they can be transferred to new owners.

Section 1 amends Section 81-1505, relating to rules and regulations adopted by the Environmental Quality Council, by changing the term of composting site permit from five years to 10 years, and removing the prohibition on transferability of the permit.

Also eliminates the semi-annual inspection requirement by the department.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson