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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1081

Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2012

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

Legislative Bill 1081 amends Section 37-448 that gives permission for the Game and Parks Commission to set deer depredation seasons and issue permits. In addition to the current provisions, the bill would allow owners and operators of farmland a free permit to hunt one antlerless deer for every one thousand dollars of proven crop damage caused by deer.

Though the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has moved in the right direction allowing and promoting more deer hunting to control populations in the last few years, many farmers are still seeing large amounts of their crops damaged by deer. LB1081 seeks to create an additional tool to manage deer populations that can cause thousands of dollars worth of crop damage.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Christensen