

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB180

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 21, 2009
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Dubas
One Liner: Change provisions relating to solid waste management

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Carlson, Dubas, Fischer, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Cook
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Chris Langemeier
David Haldeman

Representing:

Introducer
Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Jack Cheloha

Representing:

City of Omaha

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 180 would allow grants for reimbursement of costs for deconstruction of abandoned buildings and change the frequency of landfill waste disposal fee rebates to local governments to a more efficient schedule.

The premise of the grant portion of the bill is to help small communities get rid of abandoned buildings, but also to encourage the recycling or reuse of the building's material. The bill also changes the frequency of refunds for landfill "tipping" fees. Right now, the statute requires the rebate to be distributed quarterly based on an application/report from the municipality or county. Often the rebates are for very small amounts, so allowing flexibility with distribution will make the process more efficient for the parties.

Details:

Section 1 amends Sec. 13-2042.01, relating to Integrated Solid Waste Management, by changing the frequency of landfill disposal fee rebates from quarterly to a schedule agreed upon between the municipality or county and the Department of Environmental Quality, but no less than annually.

Section 2 amends Sec. 81-15,160, relating to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund, by adding new language that the fund may be used for grants for reimbursement for deconstructing abandoned buildings. This applies only to cities of the second class, villages, and counties of 5,000 or less population, and only for deconstruction costs for recovery and processing of recyclable or reusable material.

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson