



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 314**

Hearing Date: January 31, 2007
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Louden)
Title: Redefine water well for purposes of registration

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

- 8 Yes Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Fischer, Hudkins, Kopplin, Louden, Wallman
 - 0 No
 - 0 Present, not voting
 - 0 Absent
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Proponents:

Jody Gittins
Ron Theis
Ron Bishop

Representing:

Introducer
Department of Natural Resources
Central Platte Natural Resources District;
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts;
Nebraska Water Resources Association, Nebraska
State Irrigation Association

Opponents:

None

Representing:

None

Neutral:

David Cookson

Representing:

Attorney General’s office

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 314 does the following:

- Section 1 Adds a new subsection under the definition of water well as follows:
 (b) Water well includes any excavation made for any purpose if ground water flows into the excavation under natural pressure and a pump or other device is placed in the excavation for the purpose of withdrawing water for irrigation.
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Section 2 Places an exemption for this type of “well” in the Water Well Standards and Contractors’ Licensing Act.

Section 3 Repealer

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment clarifies that any water well as defined in subsection 1 (b) must be registered with the Department of Natural Resources within 60 days after construction. Water wells defined in subsection 1 (b) that were constructed prior to the effective date of this act must be registered within 180 days of the effective date of this act.

The committee amendment also includes a severability clause and the emergency clause.

Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson