

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB87

Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: March 08, 2011

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

Legislative Bill 87 amends section 39-1811 to allow for a county vote of the people requiring the county to mow all drainage ditches within the county.

Currently, Nebraska statute 39-1811 requires all landowners to mow all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches running along the landowner's lands at least twice each year, namely, before July 15, for the first time and sometime in August for the second time.

LB 87 would allow a question to be placed on the general election ballot to require the county to mow all weeds to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches. The question could be placed on the ballot by resolution by the county board of commissioners or the county board of supervisors, or by petition of the people.

The bill also provides for the ability for another election to place the burden back on the landowner after at least two years.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Christensen