

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB102

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 23, 2013
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Watermeier
One Liner: Change requirements for certain water permit applications

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Carlson, Dubas, Haar, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz, Smith
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Watermeier
Mike Thompson

Representing:

Introducer
Department of Natural Resources

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 102 would remove a requirement that a social security number be provided on certain water permit applications. The Department of Natural Resources requested that the bill be introduced to alleviate the administrative burden of blocking the number from the public to ensure an applicant's privacy and because it does not believe that the social security number requirement in the water permit statutes falls under the intention of the original act.

The requirement was put into statute after the Legislature passed LB 752 in 1997, a bill that resulted in changes to several state statutes due to federal laws on the use of social security numbers for tracking individuals who failed to pay child support. LB 752 required social security numbers to be provided on all applications for a "professional license, commercial driver's license, occupational license, or marriage license."

Section 1 amends 46-297, relating to underground water storage permits from the Department of Natural Resources, by deleting the requirement that a permit applicant provide his or her social security number on an application to modify a permit for intentional underground water storage.

Section 2 amends 46-637, relating to groundwater pumping for irrigation purposes, by deleting the requirement that a permit applicant provide his or her social security number on an application to modify a permit for intentional underground water storage.

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson