

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB57

Hearing Date: Thursday February 14, 2013
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Larson
One Liner: Change provisions relating to grants from the Nebraska
Environmental Trust Fund

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Brasch, Carlson, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz, Smith
Nay:	1	Senator Haar
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Dubas

Proponents:
Senator Tyson Larson
Tanya Storer
Joe Herrod
Tracy Smith

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Farm Bureau
Nebraska Council of Sportsmen's Clubs
Bostwick Irrigation District Nebraska

Opponents:
Scott Smathers
Ryan Heiniger
Rob Schupbach
Ken Winston

Representing:
Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Self
Nebraska Sierra Club

Neutral:
Mark Brohman
Larry Dix

Representing:
Nebraska Environmental Trust
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 57 would require Nebraska Environmental Trust board approval of subsequent purchases of real property if the real property was originally purchased using grant funds or revolving funds. The bill would also require board approval of property transfers to federal land management agencies that resulted in removal of the property from the county tax rolls. The board, if approval was granted, would also be required to approve the deposit of funds equal to the property's taxable value in a trust fund of the affected county to be used for any governmental purpose.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee amendment, AM 676, replaces all of the new language in the original bill. LB 57, as amended, would do the following:

* require that an applicant who proposes to use grant funds to purchase property that will be sold, leased, transferred to, exchanged with or encumbered by a federal land management agency that results in the removal of the property from its

current county tax assessment, to provide in its contract with the trust board how it will provide for the replacement of the taxes to the county; and

* require board approval before a grantee may sell, lease, transfer, exchange or encumber property acquired in whole or in part by trust funds. Also requires the grantee to provide information on the proposed transaction and notice to the board.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson