

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB589**

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**Chairperson: Senator Annette Dubas**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing:**

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

The intent of LB 589 is to clarify existing law applying to operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities regarding exemptions from the requirements of the One-Call Notification System Act in the event of emergency conditions involving a pipeline leak. LB 589 exempts bar test surveys addressing an emergency condition in response to a reported or suspected leak from triggering the One-Call Notification requirement. Excavation to repair a verified leak would require notification but would not have to wait for the location of other underground facilities to be marked. LB 589 creates immunity from civil penalties but not from strict liability for damage caused by either the bar testing or the repair excavation.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Dan Watermeier**