

**One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB896**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 06, 2014**

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

LB 896 would revise provisions of the Erosion and Sediment Control Act and clarify the authority of the natural resources districts to address excess erosion as required under the act. The bill adds a definition for excessive erosion; provides for the inclusion of ephemeral and gully erosion in the calculations for soil losses; provides that natural resources districts have authority to issue cease and desist orders upon the findings of excessive erosion occurrences; and eliminates the requirement that the natural resources districts provide violators cost-share assistance for permanent soil and water conservation practices.

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

**Senator Tom Carlson**