



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 799

Chairperson: LeRoy Louden
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: February 6, 2008

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

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate expedited transfers of surface water rights. Normally to obtain a the right to transfer the location of use of a water right, notice of the transfer must first be given to other appropriators and a hearing on the transfer could be required. Under an expedited transfer, which is restricted to situations in which a surface water appropriator wants to make a minor change in the location of the irrigated fields being irrigated under the permit, there are no notice requirements and the transfer can be accomplished expeditiously. Current law states that a transfer cannot be considered as an expedited transfer if there is any, even a minor, change in the point of diversion of water from the stream. The proposed change would allow small changes in the point of diversion to occur under the expedited transfer process. Use of expedited transfers of surface water rights saves time, money, and effort for both irrigators and DNR.

Principal Introducer:

Senator LeRoy J. Louden