

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB764

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 03, 2010
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Fischer
One Liner: Change provisions relating to integrated management plans under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Cook, Dubas, Fischer, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Deb Fischer
Glenn Johnson

Jay Rempe
Duane Gangwish

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, Nebraska Water Resources Association, Nebraska State Irrigation Association
Nebraska Farm Bureau
Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:

Neutral:

Brian Dunnigan
Ken Winston

Representing:

Department of Natural Resources
Wachiska Audubon Society, Nebraska Sierra Club

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 764 was introduced to provide the natural resources districts with a tool for water resources management through use of an integrated management plan.

Section 1 amends 46-715, relating to the development of integrated management plans (IMPs), by allowing a natural resources district to partner with the Department of Natural Resources to develop an IMP if its area has not be declared fully or overappropriated. A district is to notify the department on or before October 1 if it intends to develop an IMP with an objective of maintaining the status of not fully appropriated. If an IMP is developed under this section and the department subsequently determines its area to be fully appropriated, the district and department may amend the IMP.

Section 2 amends 46-717, relating to the type of information that is to be used to develop an IMP, by adding that IMPs developed according to the provisions of this bill must involve the district and department consulting with any party that relies on water from the affected river basin, subbasin or reach.

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment makes clarifications to the bill by eliminating the October 1 notification date and revising the language on the purpose of doing an IMP under this section.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson