

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1070

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 17, 2016
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Haar
One Liner: Change powers and duties of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to require liability insurance and restrict permits as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Friesen, Hughes, Johnson, Lindstrom, Schilz, Schnoor
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Kolowski, McCollister

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Ken Haar
James Cavanaugh
Ellen Hansen
Jane Kleeb
Janece Mollhoff

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Sierra Club
Self
Bold Nebraska
League of Women Voters

Opponents:

Chris Peterson
Dana Wreath
Leon Rodak
Dave Haack
Phil Kriz
Joe Kohout

Representing:

Nebraska Petroleum Producers Association
Berexco LLC
Murfin Drilling Company
Z and S Construction Company, Inc.
Evertson
American Petroleum Institute

Neutral:

Bill Sydow
Stan Belieu

Representing:

Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1070 would require \$1 million in liability insurance for oil injection wells and disposal wells and \$5 million in liability insurance for commercial disposal wells, and would prohibit permits for underground enhanced recovery injection wells if the depth of the drinking water aquifer begins less than 50 feet below the surface of the ground or if the saturated depth of the drinking water aquifer extends more than 100 feet below the surface of the ground.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson