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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB711

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 18, 2016

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

In 2007, the Legislature appropriated funds to help control invasive vegetation in Nebraska's riparian corridors. The funding was instrumental in starting the work needed to increase flow conveyance, wildlife habitat, and water available for human uses by reducing consumption from invasive vegetation. The initial \$4 million appropriation in FY07-08 and FY08-09 was leveraged to over \$18 million spent on riparian invasive species management between 2007 and 2014.

LB711 would reinstate the appropriation and Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force that helped develop the management plan. The initial funding would be directed toward invasive vegetation management in fully appropriated or over-appropriated river basins.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Hughes