

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB802

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 22, 2020
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Hughes
One Liner: State a legislative finding and declaration relating to the right to use ground water

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Hughes
Chris Schluntz
Don Blankenau
Douglas Winz

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Cattlemen
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Nebraska Farm Bureau and Nebraska Corn Growers Association

Opponents:

Jeff Fassett

Representing:

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Neutral:

Karen Amen
Anthony Schutz

Representing:

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self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 802 would make a legislative declaration that the right to use ground water is an inseparable attribute of owning fee simple title in the overlying land. Preexisting statutory exemptions to this rule, as well as the regulatory authority granted under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act, would not be altered.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson