

AMENDMENTS TO LB794

Introduced by DeKay, 40.

1           1. Insert the following new section:

2           **Sec. 2.** Section 2-3232, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4           2-3232 Each district shall have the power and authority to:

5           (1) Make studies, investigations, or surveys and do research as may  
6 be necessary to carry out its authorized purposes, enter upon any land,  
7 after notifying the owner or occupier, for the purpose of conducting such  
8 studies, investigations, surveys, and research, and publish and  
9 disseminate the results. Entry upon any property pursuant to this section  
10 shall not be considered trespass, and damages are not recoverable on that  
11 account alone. In case of any actual or demonstrable damage to premises,  
12 the district shall pay the owner of the premises the amount of the  
13 damages. Upon failure of the landowner and the district to agree upon the  
14 amount of damages, the landowner, in addition to any other available  
15 remedy, may file a petition as provided in section 76-705. To avoid  
16 duplication of effort, any such studies, investigations, surveys,  
17 research, or dissemination shall be in cooperation and coordination with  
18 the programs of the University of Nebraska, or any department thereof,  
19 and any other appropriate state agencies; ~~and~~

20           (2) Conduct demonstration projects within the district on lands  
21 owned or controlled by this state or any of its agencies, with the  
22 cooperation of the agency administering and having jurisdiction thereof,  
23 and on any other lands within the district, upon obtaining the consent of  
24 the owners of such land or the necessary rights and interest in such  
25 lands, in order to demonstrate by example the means, methods, and  
26 measures by which soil and water resources may be conserved and soil  
27 erosion in the form of soil blowing and soil washing may be prevented and

1 controlled. Demonstration projects shall be coordinated with the programs  
2 of the Agricultural Research Division of the University of Nebraska  
3 Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and -

4 (3) Establish or participate in programs to educate residents about  
5 or research practices to improve water quality, water quantity  
6 management, or soil health practices. Such programs may include  
7 conducting demonstration projects as provided in section 2-3232 and  
8 hosting educational events to inform agricultural producers and the  
9 general public about practices to protect and preserve natural resources  
10 in the state. A district may enter into agreements with agricultural  
11 producers, nonprofit organizations, companies, service organizations,  
12 political subdivisions, public or private postsecondary educational  
13 institutions, or state or federal agencies to establish or participate in  
14 such programs.

15 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
16 accordingly.