

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB28

Hearing Date: Friday January 21, 2011
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Langemeier
One Liner: Change provisions relating to chemigation

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

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

Proponents:

Senator Chris Langemeier
Mike Linder
John Turnbull

Representing:

Introducer
Department of Environmental Quality
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 28 would remove some of the paperwork requirements of issuing and maintaining chemigation permits. The Nebraska Chemigation Act and rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Environmental Quality require the natural resources districts to inspect chemigation safety equipment and systems, take and review applications for and issue chemigation permits. This bill eliminates some reporting duties the districts have so that the system may be run more efficiently.

Section 1 would amend Section 46-1117, which requires one to obtain a permit before applying chemicals to land or crops using chemigation, by deleting the requirement that a copy of each approved permit application be immediately forwarded to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and inserting new language allowing the natural resources district issuing the permit to keep the information from the permit application and provide it, or a copy of the permit, to DEQ upon request.

Section 2 would amend Section 46-1123, which requires a natural resources district to submit annual chemigation permit reports to DEQ, by eliminating the requirement that locations and names of permitholders be included in the report.

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson