ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB513

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 06, 2013

Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer: Carlson

One Liner: Change notice provisions under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Carlson, Dubas, Haar, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz,

Smith

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Tom Carlson Introducer

Stan Staab Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; Lower

Elkhorn Natural Resources District

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 513 would reduce the amount of time before an action by a natural resources district would become effective. To strengthen a district's authority to require compliance during a notice period, this statutory change would reduce the days' notice required before a natural resources district could issue a cease and desist order from ten days to three days. This bill would help districts more effectively implement and manage groundwater through rules and regulations.

Section 1 amends 46-707, which lists the natural resources districts' powers under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act, by changing the notice that must be provided to affected persons before a cease and desist order may be issued from ten to three days.

Section 2 amends 46-708, which states the natural resources districts' power to control or prevent runoff of groundwater runoff, by changing the notice that must be provided to the affected person before a cease and desist order may be issued under this section from ten to three days.

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson