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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1098

Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 26, 2014

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

LB 1098 would reconstruct the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission by adding eleven members to be appointed by the Governor, in addition to the three currently appointed. The fourteen members are to represent: agribusiness interests, agricultural interests, ground water irrigators, irrigation districts, manufacturing interests, metropolitan utilities districts, municipal users of water from a primary class city, municipal users from a first or second class city or village, outdoor recreation users, public power districts, public power and irrigation districts, range livestock owners; surface water irrigators, and wildlife conservation interests.

Appointed members are to represent diverse geographic regions of the state, including urban and rural areas. The reconstructed commission is required to revise rules and regulations to ensure the funding process follows the ranking and criteria recommendations of the Water Funding Task Force.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Carlson