

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1015

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 09, 2022
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Speaker Hilgers
One Liner: Adopt the Perkins County Canal Project Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Aguilar, Bostelman, Gragert, Hughes, Jacobson, Moser
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Cavanaugh, J., Wayne

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Mike Hilgers
Pete Ricketts
Tom Riley
Kent Miller

Michael Drain
Don Batie

Joseph Citta
Jerry Kuenning
John Winkler
Lyndon Vogt
Elizabeth Elliott
Scott Merritt

Opponents:

Al Davis

Neutral:

John Hansen
Melissa Mosier
Katie Torpy

Representing:

Introducer
Governor of Nebraska
Department of Natural Resources, Director
Twin Platte NRD, General Manager; Nebraska Association of Resource Districts
Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District
Nebraska State Dairy Association; Nebraska Soybean Association; Nebraska Farm Bureau; Nebraska Corn Growers
NPPD
Nebraska Cattlemen
Papio-Missouri NRD
Central Platte NRD
City of Lincoln
Nebraska Water Resources Association

Representing:

Sierra Club, Nebraska Chapter

Representing:

Nebraska Farmers Union
Audubon Nebraska
The Nature Conservancy

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1015 establishes the Perkins County Canal Project Act that authorizes the state to develop a canal to divert water out of Colorado and into an associated storage facility in Nebraska consistent with the authorization in the 1923 South Platte River Compact. LB1015 is proposed to protect Nebraska's water rights under the compact to water out of Colorado. LB1015 also creates the Perkins County Project Fund (Fund). Appropriations for the project are not in this bill.

Section by section

Sec. 1 Names sections 1 to 3 the Perkins County Canal Project Act.

Sec. 2 Sets forth Legislative findings and declarations relative to the importance of development and oversight.

Sec. 3 Grants the Department of Natural Resources (department) the power and authority necessary to develop, construct, manage and operate the Project to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR or the department).

Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson