

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB218

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 07, 2023
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Ibach
One Liner: Change provisions relating to intent to appropriate money for management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brewer, Halloran, Hansen, B., Holdcroft, Ibach, Hughes, Raybould, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Teresa Ibach
John Thorburn
Katie Torpy
Joe Cannon
Todd Boller
Mike Reed
Andrew Dunkley

Representing:

Self
Nebraska Association of Residential Districts
The Nature Conservancy
NACO
Nebraska Weed Control Association
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Agriculture Leaders Working Group, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska State Dairy Association, Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Pork Producers, Nebraska Soy Bean Association, Nebraska Wheat Growers Association, Renewable Fuels Nebraska
Nebraska Farmers Union

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 218 (Ibach) Change provisions relating to intent to appropriate money for management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream

LB 218 amends §2-958.02 which creates the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Species Assistance program prescribing criteria applied to determine eligibility for, and to prioritize recipients of, grants to weed control authorities and weed management entities awarded under the program. Subsection (4) creates a subcategory of eligible grant awards for projects pertaining to riparian vegetation management problems. Currently, subsection (4) states legislative intent to appropriate \$3 million annually for projects eligible under this subsection beginning FY2022-23. LB 218 increases the intended appropriation to \$6 million annually beginning FY2023-24.

Steve Halloran, Chairperson