

AMENDMENTS TO LB 653

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1844)

Introduced by Christensen

1           1. Strike sections 1 to 3 and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. The Department of Natural Resources shall  
4 conduct the following studies:

5           (1) Examine the technical, economic, and legal  
6 feasibility of constructing dams to store water below the Harlan  
7 County Reservoir for the purpose of future compliance with the  
8 Republican River Compact among Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado; and

9           (2) Examine the technical, economic, and legal  
10 feasibility of transferring unappropriated water from the Platte  
11 River Basin to the Republican River Basin for flood mitigation,  
12 ground water recharge, and compliance with the Republican River  
13 Compact among Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado.

14           Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature (1) to  
15 appropriate five hundred thousand dollars from the Water Resources  
16 Cash Fund to complete the studies required pursuant to section  
17 1 of this act and (2) that such funds be deducted from any  
18 funds transferred to the Water Resources Cash Fund pursuant  
19 to Legislative Bill 950, One Hundred Second Legislature, Second  
20 Session, 2012.