

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB529**

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**Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 03, 2011**

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

LB 529 proposes the following changes pertaining to conservation easements and the Nebraska Environmental Trust:

1. All entities that tax property subject to the easement shall receive written notice from the proposed holder stating the fiscal impact of reclassifying the land or removing it from the tax roles.
2. A county may refuse to approve an easement on the basis of "best interest of the county."
3. Easements shall be limited to ten years with provisions for continuing for another ten years.
4. The Nebraska Environmental Trust shall not hold land in fee nor obtain easements.
5. No more than 10% of NET allocations in any year shall be used for land purchases and acquisitions.
6. Only political subdivisions shall use NET grants for land acquisition.

The purpose of the bill is to make everyone economically whole when land is reclassified.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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