ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB1019

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 24, 2016

Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer: Davis

One Liner: Change provisions relating to support of the Niobrara Council by the Game and Parks Commission,

require legislative confirmation of certain appointments to the council, and require an annual report

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Friesen, Hughes, Johnson, Kolowski, Lindstrom, McCollister,

Schilz, Schnoor

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Al Davis Introducer

Mike Tuerk Niobrara Council
Kalli Kebourz Niobrara Council

Mike Murphy Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; Middle

Niobrara Natural Resources District

Marjorie Kennedy Audubon Nebraska; Wachiska Audubon Society

Bruce Kennedy Friends of the Niobrara

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Tim McCoy Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1019 would require appointments to the Niobrara Council to be confirmed by the Legislature; allow the Game and Parks Commission to provide budgetary, operational, and programmatic support to the council; eliminate the \$50,000 cap on support from the Game and Parks Commission to the council; and require the council to submit an annual report to the Legislature describing expenditures.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson