

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB488

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 15, 2017
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Groene
One Liner: Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Hughes, Kolowski, McCollister, Quick, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Groene
Brad Edgerton

Representing:

Introducer
Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District

Opponents:

Nate Jenkins

Scott Smathers
Don Batie
Karen Amen
Vanessa Silke
Tom Carlson
Jasper Fanning

Representing:

Upper Republican NRD and Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Natural Resource Commission
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
self
Nebraska Water Resource Association
self
Upper Republican Natural Resource District

Neutral:

Bob Hallstrom

Representing:

Nebraska Bankers Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 488 would create the Water Conservation Grant Act, a grant program to be administered by the Department of Natural Resources using funding from the Water Sustainability Fund to retire irrigated acres.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson