

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB533**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday March 02, 2017  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Vargas  
**One Liner:** Require liability insurance for and restrict locations of underground enhanced recovery injection wells and wastewater disposal wells

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Hughes, Kolowski, McCollister, Quick, Walz

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tony Vargas  
Ken Winston  
James Cavanaugh  
Mary Pipher  
Graham Christensen  
Judy King  
Chelsea Johnson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Bold Alliance  
Sierra Club - Nebraska Chapter  
Guardians of the Aquifer  
Nebraska Farmers Union  
self  
League of Conservation Voters

**Opponents:**

Chris Peterson  
Dana Wreath  
David Haack  
Scott Hornafius  
Joe Kohout

**Representing:**

Nebraska Petroleum Producers Association  
Berexco  
Z & S Construction Company, Inc.  
Elk Petroleum, Inc.  
American Petroleum Institute

**Neutral:**

Bill Sydow  
Bill Hawkins  
Stan Belieu

**Representing:**

Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
self  
Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 533 would require proof of liability insurance before permits for underground enhanced recovery injection wells or wastewater disposal wells could be issued and limit where such wells could be drilled.

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Dan Hughes, Chairperson