

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1124

Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2018

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

An entity created to pump water for an interstate compact is required to publish notice, hold a hearing to obtain public comment, adopt a resolution setting forth the need for pumping and use of the ground water with the amount and duration of the pumping.

After the pumping begins, the entity shall also have a hearing every five years for public comment after notification. The hearing shall review (1) compliance, (2) the continued need for pumping, (3) the effects of pumping on those within five miles of of the pumping, (3) effect of pumping on ground water resources, (4) the effect on pumping on surface water rights, (5) effect of ground water pumping including increases or decreases in the water table in the area, (6) the sustainability of ground water pumping, and (7) the expected continued amount and duration of ground water pumping.

The bill also sets a date for the hearing following the passage of this bill as before December 1, 2018. It also sets a date for the adoption of the resolution after the hearing.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Groene