

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB533

Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: March 02, 2017

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

LB 533 would make two policy changes that will protect Nebraska's natural resources: 1. Require \$5 million in liability insurance for all injection and disposal wells to cover the cost of any damage that might be caused by a leak or spill of injection well fluid; and 2. Prohibit injection and disposal wells in places where the drinking water aquifer is close to the surface to protect Nebraska's most precious natural resource, our groundwater.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Vargas