

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB606

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 13, 2019
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Groene
One Liner: Provide for water augmentation projects and retention of water rights as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Groene
Riley Wipf
Ken Anderson
Marvin Knoll
Dan Estermann
Lazette Knoll

Representing:

Introducer
for Andy Olson
self
self
self
for Ricki Quinn

Opponents:

Jasper Fanning
Jay Rempe
Todd Siel

Dean Large

Representing:

Upper Republican Natural Resources District
Nebraska Farm Bureau and Nebraska Corn Growers
Lower Republican Natural Resources District and
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Upper Republican Natural Resources District

Neutral:

Jeff Fassett
John Thorburn

Representing:

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 606 would create a new section of statute to allow natural resources districts to sell real property associated with streamflow operation projects while retaining the ability to pump ground water for augmentation purposes. The natural resources district operating the project would be allowed to allocate the amount of ground water that may be removed for streamflow enhancement without taking into account the amount of land area or acres owned by the project.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson