

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB978

Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2022

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

LB978 lays out the next steps required for the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to fully assume the federal Clean Water Action Section 404 Program. In 2019, the Legislature passed LB302 which allowed the NDEE to begin the process of pursuing this assumption. The changes contained in LB978 finalize that process to allow the NDEE to apply to the Environmental Protection Agency for full assumption. Specifically, the bill sets out a process to promulgate rules and regulations for the program, hold hearings, administer fees, hire staff and establish a cash fund.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Hughes