

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB344

Hearing Date: Thursday February 13, 2025
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Brandt
One Liner: Change provisions relating to ground water allocation

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Raybould
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Moser

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Brandt
Jesse Bradley

Dr Brandi Flyr

Opponents:

Neutral:

Lash Chaffin

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources,
Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Representing:

Representing:

League of Nebraska Municipalities

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 344 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-740 of the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act pertaining to ground water allocations for municipalities and municipal-served and self-served commercial or industrial users in the fully appropriated and over-appropriated areas of the state.

LB 344 removes the post-January 1, 2026, allocations for municipalities set in 2005 and provides integrated management plan, rule, or order and mitigation report requirements for certain commercial and industrial users of more than twenty-five million gallons of water annually, and provides a requirement for annual water use and water consumption reporting by municipalities.



Tom Brandt, Chairperson

