

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB1051**

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**Hearing Date:** February 11, 2008

**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications

**Introducer(s):** (Heidemann)

**Title:** Change provisions regarding mowing and tree trimming along county roads

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Placed on General File with Amendments

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**Vote Results:**

7 Yes                      Senators Aguilar, Fischer, Hudkins, Lautenbaugh,  
Louden, Pedersen, Stuthman

0 No

1 Absent                      Senators Schimek

0 Present, not voting

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**Proponents:**

Senator LaVon Heidemann  
William Ely  
Doug Workman  
Terry Keebler  
Joy Schroder  
Larry Dix  
Jay Rempe

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Richardson County Commissioners  
Richard County Road Department  
Johnson County  
Otoe County  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation

**Opponents:****Representing:****Neutral:**

Kristen Gottschalk

**Representing:**

Nebraska Rural Electric Association

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:**

LB 1051 requires a landowner to mow a second time along adjacent public roads before September 30th every year, and to trim all highway-obstructing trees at least fifteen feet up from the ground.

Current statute requires landowners to mow all weeds to the middle of the public roads running along their lands at least twice a year; once before July 15th and a second time sometime in August. The bill pushes back the second date to before September 30th.

Landowners are also currently required to trim trees eight feet up from the ground that have become a public nuisance or obstruct the view of the road. The bill amends the statute to require trimming to at least fifteen feet up from the ground.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The committee amendment, AM2089, strikes “fifteen” in Section 2 and inserts “twelve”, so that trees required to be trimmed shall be trimmed from the ground up at least twelve feet.

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Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson