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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1054**

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**Chairperson:** Chris Langemeier  
**Committee:** Natural Resources  
**Date of Hearing:** February 10, 2010

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

LB 1054 amends § 46-701 and § 46-706, to define the term “correlative rights,” and adopt the correlative rights doctrine as it applies to ground water in the state.

The doctrine shall apply with regard to the use of ground water within a river basin when the DNR or a district determines it is necessary to comply with state or federal compacts. When such determination is made, irrigation allocations may be reduced so that each landowner shares equally in the shortfall.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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