

Chairperson:	Chris Langemeier
Committee:	<b>Natural Resources</b>
Date of Hearing:	February 5, 2010

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

LB 1057 would create the Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force. The task force, whose members would be appointed by the Governor, would be housed within the Department of Natural Resources for administrative and budgetary purposes only.

The purposes of the task force are to ensure sustainable water use within the basin, maintain compliance with the interstate compacts to which the basin is subject, and avoid water short years.

Expenses for the task force shall be appropriated from the Water Resources Cash Fund and shall not exceed \$25,000 per fiscal year. The bill sunsets on June 30, 2023, and carries an E Clause.

**Principal Introducer:** 

**Senator Tom Carlson**