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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 477

Chairperson: Chris Langemeier
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: February 5, 2009

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

LB 477 would provide uniform and consistent treatment of transfers of certified irrigated acres or other certified water uses and for the transfer of ground water rights through participation by a land owner or water user in a Natural Resources District (NRD) financial incentive program.

The bill would require an NRD, prior to approving a transfer of certified irrigated acres or other certified water uses or participation by a land owner or water user in a financial incentive program, to obtain (a) a title report issued by an attorney or a licensed abstractor, identifying existing lienholders whose interests are evidenced by the filing of a mortgage, trust deed or other equivalent consensual security interest; (b) written consent to such transfer or participation from any such lienholders.

LB 477 would also require an NRD, following approval of a transfer of certified irrigated acres or other certified water uses, to record an instrument of transfer of water rights against the real estate from which a transfer of certified irrigated acres or certified water uses occurred.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tom Carlson