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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 482**

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**Chairperson:** Chris Langemeier  
**Committee:** Natural Resources  
**Date of Hearing:** January 29, 2009

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

LB 482 makes technical/clean-up changes to various water regulation statutes.

**Section 1** amends §46-713, relating to Department of Natural Resources duties with hydrologically connected water supplies, by deleting reference to obsolete dates.

**Section 2** amends §46-714, relating to notification requirements for stays on new appropriations, by requiring two public hearings instead of one that a natural resources district must hold after a final determination that a river basin, subbasin, or reach is fully appropriated or overappropriated. The topic is whether the stays on the issuance of new water well permits on the construction of new wells, or increases in ground water irrigated acres, should be terminated.

**Section 3** amends §46-731, relating to water contamination and management area powers of the director of the Department of Environmental Quality, by requiring the director to hold at least two, instead of one, public hearings on the measures he or she deems necessary for carrying out the intent of the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act.

**Section 4** repeals the original sections.

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