



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 54**

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**Chairperson:** Chris Langemeier  
**Committee:** Natural Resources  
**Date of Hearing:** January 28, 2009

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

LB 54 establishes a procedure for natural resources districts to offset any new depletions to stream flow resulting from a new use as part of an integrated management plan. Existing law requires offsets for new uses in areas designated as fully or over appropriated but provides no process. Unless a procedure is created to allow natural resources districts to offset those new uses, no change in water use can occur in areas designated as fully or over appropriated.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Deb Fischer**