ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB27

Hearing Date: Thursday January 27, 2011

Committee On: Natural Resources Introducer: Langemeier

One Liner: Change appropriations for water power and water well registration fees

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy,

Schilz, Smith

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Laurie Lage Introducer

Brian Dunnigan Department of Natural Resources

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 27, introduced on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, would clarify what constitutes a small capacity water well in a permit fee statute, making it consistent with other water well statutory references and would add a clarifying reference to an appropriations statute.

Section 1 amends 46-236, relating to water lease requirements with the state, by adding reference to a statute that lists conditions that must be met to get an application for water approved.

Section 2 amends 46-1224, which creates the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Fund, by clarifying that certain fees apply to water wells that pump 50 gallons per minute or less (instead of "less than 50 gallons"). Also clarifies that certain fees apply to water wells that pump more than 50 gallons per minute (instead of "50 gallons per minute or more").

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson