ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB31

Hearing Date: Thursday January 27, 2011
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Langemeier
One Liner: Change supplemental agricultural appropriation of water provisions

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Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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 31, introduced on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, would change supplemental direct flow agricultural appropriations relating to additional flows and how the department considers new permits.

Section 1 amends 46-240.01, relating to supplemental additional appropriations for agricultural appropriators, by eliminating the language that gives existing agricultural appropriators, if below the statutory limit, a right of additional supplemental appropriations from direct flow of public waters within the drainage basin of the stream from which such water originates.

Section 2 amends 46-290, relating to intrabasin transfers, by removing reference to the statute in section 1. This means that if an appropriator gets a supplemental additional appropriation from direct flow application approved, they will no longer have the right to transfer such appropriation.

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

Explanation of amendments:

AM206 strikes section 2 from the bill. The reference was put in as a clarification and resulted in an unintentional policy change regarding transfers.

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Chris Langemeier, Chairperson