

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB589

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 12, 2013
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Watermeier
One Liner: Change provisions of the One-Call Notification System Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brasch, Dubas, Hadley, McCoy, Price, Smith, Watermeier
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Janssen
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Dan Watermeier
Andy Pollock
Jill Becker
John Lindsay
Rick Kubat
Andy Hartman

Representing:

Introducer
NorthWestern Energy
Black Hills Energy
Source Gas
Metropolitan Utilities District
One Call Board of Directors

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Clarifies notification provisions for natural gas utility operators under the One-Call Notification System Act. Defines bar test survey. Amends 76-2329 to add a new section to exclude bar test surveys from 76-2321, the requirement to give notice to all utilities, and 76-2323, the requirement to mark locations of underground facilities. Adds a new section to exclude excavation performed by natural gas operators due to an emergency from the notification requirement. Exempts the operator from civil liabilities as laid out in 76-2325. Operators will still be strictly liable for damages to other utility lines.

Annette Dubas, Chairperson