

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 522**

Introduced by Christensen, 44.

Read first time January 23, 2013

Committee: Natural Resources

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to water; to provide state financial assistance
- 2 to irrigation districts to provide compensation to
- 3 surface water appropriators.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. If the Department of Natural Resources adopts  
2 a rule or regulation prohibiting surface water appropriators from  
3 storing or diverting instream flows for irrigation to comply with a  
4 interstate compact or decree, then the department shall provide  
5 financial assistance to the affected irrigation districts. The  
6 irrigation districts shall use the financial assistance to compensate  
7 surface water appropriators who have had to forgo the use of water.