

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB339**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: March 12, 2013**

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

LB 339 would replace existing procedural steps in civil proceedings initiated by the filing of a fence dispute complaint. The bill would provide for the assignment of assignment fenceviewers to make a report of findings and recommendations to the court upon the filing of a fence dispute complaint. Such report would be entered as judgement unless disputed by the parties, in which case the matter would proceed under normal rules of civil procedure.

It is intended that the fenceviewer panel would serve as an efficient factfinder in fence disputes and help reach resolution short of extensive litigation.

While the bill would eliminate court referral of disputes to mediation if agreed by the parties, the bill does not affect that parties may seek resolution of fence disputes by mediation on their own initiative.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Ken Schilz**