

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB522**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: March 07, 2013**

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

Legislative Bill 522 seeks to prevent the pitting of ground water and surface water users against each other when the Department of Natural Resources adopts rule or regulation prohibiting surface water appropriators from storing or diverting in-stream flows so the state can comply with interstate compacts or decrees.

The bill would require that such surface water appropriators be compensated by the department to forgo the use of water if such rule or regulation is necessary for compliance.

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

**Senator Mark Christensen**