

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1082

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2016

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

LB 1082 represents recommendations made by the Natural Resources Committee through its interim study on the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's practices. The bill would revise the policy and purpose statement of the commission, eliminating the encouragement that it promote the industry, and replacing it with language that supports development of the industry in a responsible manner while promoting health, safety and the environment. The bill would require that notice of an application for a commercial underground injection well be provided to the affected local governing body where the well would be located; require Class II injection well operators to sample and analyze fluids injected at least once annually and provide data to the commission; and require operators to keep bonds current. The bill would authorize the commission to conduct period sampling and reporting of injection fluids; certify and monitor produced water transporters; conduct periodic evaluations of financial assurance requirements; and to require public informational meetings and forums for public interaction on permit applications.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Schilz