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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB664

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: May 27, 2015

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

Legislative Bill 664 provides duties for the Nebraska Oil and Gas Commission regarding disposal, in Nebraska, of wastewater generated in other states from oil and gas well production.

Pertinent language of the bill is set forth in lines 24–30 on page 6:

(7) The commission shall require any person applying for permission to dispose of wastewater, including wastewater generated from oil and gas well production in other states, by injection into commercial salt water injection wells in Nebraska to provide a listing of all chemicals in the wastewater. If the application is granted, the commission shall require semiannual updates to the listing of all chemicals in the wastewater. The listings shall be public records.

Ultimately, the final form of LB 664 will mesh with the Interim work of the Natural Resources Committee which will conduct a detailed, thorough study of all aspects of the “fracking water” situation.

Principal Introducer: Senator Ernie Chambers