

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB182**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 25, 2017  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Hughes  
**One Liner:** Change powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Quality under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8                      Senators Albrecht, Geist, Bostelman, Hughes, Kolowski, McCollister,  
Quick, Walz

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dan Hughes  
Annette Sudbeck  
Matt Weinandt  
David Clabaugh

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts  
Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District  
Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 182 clarifies provisions in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act that authorize the Department of Environmental Quality to provide financial assistance to political subdivisions that operate public water systems for safe drinking water projects. Currently, the statute authorizes loans, grants and loan forgiveness for such political subdivisions with populations of ten thousand or less. LB 182 reflects the program's original intent that loans, grants and loan forgiveness be available to public water systems that serve populations of ten thousand or less, are operated by a political subdivision, and demonstrate financial hardship.

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Dan Hughes, Chairperson