

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1072**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 05, 2020

**Committee On:** Natural Resources

**Introducer:** Hughes

**One Liner:** Authorize certain natural resources districts to issue flood protection bonds and use bond proceeds as prescribed

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dan Hughes  
Mike Sousek  
Bob Hilske  
Michael Fler  
John Hansen

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
City of Battle Creek  
Nebraska Farmers Union

**Opponents:**

Doug Kagan  
Grant Melotz  
Mick Mines  
Shawn Melotz

**Representing:**

Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom  
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Papio Valley Preservation Association  
Papio Valley Preservation Association

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 1072 would amend sections 2-3226.10 and 2-3226.11 to give all natural resources districts in the state bonding authority for flood protection projects. Flood protection projects include, but are not limited to, low-impact development best management measures, conveyance channels, dams, reservoir basins, and levees.

AM 2171 was introduced and had a separate hearing.

Currently, section 46-1,153 allows the board of an irrigation district to borrow funds to meet necessities and unforeseen or unusual conditions relating to the operation or maintenance of the irrigation system. Funds borrowed under this section may not exceed two-thirds the amount of the district's general levy fund of the preceding year. AM 2171 would eliminate this

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borrowing limit.

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Dan Hughes, Chairperson