

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB368**

---

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 20, 2019  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Hughes  
**One Liner:** Eliminate overappropriated river basins, subbasins, and reaches

---

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

---

**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

---

**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dan Hughes  
Larry Reynolds  
John Thorburn

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts  
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, Nebraska  
Association of Resources Districts

**Opponents:**

Mike Drain  
Jeff Shafer  
Scott Olson  
Jeff Fassett

**Representing:**

Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District  
Nebraska Public Power District  
Central District Water Users  
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 368 would eliminate the overappropriated designation for river basins, subbasins, and reaches. Each basin, subbasin, or reach currently deemed overappropriated would have its designation changed to fully appropriated. This change would be reflected in chapters 2, 46, 61, 77, and 81 of Nebraska Revised Statutes.

---

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Hughes, Chairperson