

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB134

Chairperson: Senator Lou Ann Linehan

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2019

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

LB134 proposes to reinstate the three cent levy authority for fully or overappropriated natural resources districts. Fully and overappropriated natural resources districts are those districts directed by the State's Department of Natural Resources to undertake additional groundwater responsibilities. The levy authority to be reauthorized by LB134 may only be used by certain natural resources districts in order to implement ground water management activities and integrated management activities under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act. The Nebraska Legislature created this levy authority in 2006 in order to fund the myriad duties placed on the fully and overappropriated natural resource districts under LB962. These groundwater management responsibilities remain on the districts, the tool to help fund the activities must now be reauthorized.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Stinner