

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB53

Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing:

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

LB 53 seeks to change 31-224 to require a landowner to clean a watercourse, slough, drainage ditch, or drainage course that runs through their property to its natural depth and width of all rubbish, weeds, or other items blocking or obstructing the flow of water within 30 days of notification between April 15 and March 1 the following year.

Current statute contains the same cleaning requirements; however, it only requires a landowner to clean a watercourse, slough, drainage ditch, or drainage course that runs through their property once per year between March 1 and April 15.

The bill also provides that a landowner who fails to comply with the new section 31-224 is liable for court costs and reasonable attorney fees for damages caused to adjacent properties.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Scheer