

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB589

Hearing Date: Thursday February 04, 2021
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Groene
One Liner: Change requirements for integrated management plans by natural resources districts

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Aguilar, Bostelman, Gragert, Hughes, Jacobson, Moser
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Cavanaugh, J., Wayne

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Mike Groene

Representing:
Self

Opponents:
Don Blankenau
Dr. Jasper Fanning

Representing:
Nebraska Association of Resources District
Upper Republican Natural Resources District

Neutral:
Tom Riley

Representing:
Director of Department of Natural Resources

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Representing:

Opponents:
Bruce Rieker

Representing:
Nebraska Farm Bureau

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB589, introduced by Senator Groene, amends Section 46-715 in order to codify the findings of the Nebraska Supreme Court in *Estermann v. Bose*, 296 Neb. 228, 892 N.W.2d 857 (2017). LB589 allows water augmentation projects that add water to a natural stream without guaranteeing a certain amount of water or that the water will reach a certain point downstream, in order to offset water depletion can be done without regard to benefitting the overlying land from which the water is drawn and without regard to the amount of ownership of that land.

Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson