

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR5

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 02, 2021
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Gragert
One Liner: Accept the findings and recommendations of the Healthy Soils Task Force submitted to the Governor and the Agriculture Committee

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Report to the Legislature for further consideration with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brandt, Brewer, Cavanaugh, J., Gragert, Groene, Halloran, Hansen, B., Lathrop
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tim Gragert
Keith Berns
Tim Kalkowski
Tom Hoegemeyer
John Hansen
Greg Lickteig
Mike McDonald

Representing:

Introducer
Healthy Soils Task Force
Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition
Elders Climate Legacy
Nebraska Farmers Union
Self
Healthy Soils Task Force

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Steve Ebke

Representing:

Ag Leaders Working Group

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Representing:

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Steve Wellman

Representing:

Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 5 contains a number of statements recognizing the creation of the Healthy Soils Task Force and its recommendations

and three related resolved clauses as follows:

1. That the Legislature accepts the task force report and its findings and recommendations
 2. That the Legislature supports voluntary efforts to protect and enhance soil health, and
 3. That the Legislature encourages state agencies to assist voluntary efforts.
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Explanation of amendments:

The committee revision changes one word in the first resolved clause to state that the Legislature "acknowledges" the task force report.

Steve Halloran, Chairperson