

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB896

Hearing Date: Thursday February 06, 2014
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Carlson
One Liner: Change provisions of the Erosion and Sediment Control Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Carlson, Dubas, Haar, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz, Smith

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Carlson
Mike Onnen

Dean Edson

Representing:

Introducer

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; Little Blue Natural Resources District

Nemaha Natural Resources District; Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District

Opponents:

Neutral:

Brian Barels

Representing:

Representing:

Nebraska Public Power District

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 896 would revise provisions of the Erosion and Sediment Control Act and clarify the authority of the natural resources districts to address excess erosion as required under the act.

The bill adds a definition for excessive erosion; provides for the inclusion of ephemeral and gully erosion in the calculations for soil losses; provides that natural resources districts have authority to issue cease and desist orders upon the findings of excessive erosion occurrences; and eliminates the requirement that the natural resources districts provide violators cost-share assistance for permanent soil and water conservation practices.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment would clarify what activities are intended to be covered by cease and desist orders. The activities currently listed: tillage, seeding and cultivation, are not subject to cease and desist orders.
