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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB396

Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: March 01, 2023

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

Each Natural Resources District has the power and authority to adopt and develop augmentation projects. However, after an augmentation project has been completed, the need to continue owning the land above the groundwater goes away. Therefore, LB 396 codifies that a Natural Resources District shall sell the land needed for their augmentation project once the augmentation project is completed but allows them to keep the rights to the groundwater beneath the land. The owners of the augmentation project would have the same rights to the groundwater as they had before selling the land.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Erdman