ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB930

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 18, 2014

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer: Watermeier

One Liner: Require an operator's presence at an excavation under the One-Call Notification System Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Dubas, Hadley, Janssen, McCoy, Murante, Smith,

Watermeier

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Dan Watermeier Introducer

Michael Loeffler Northern Natural Gas

Marsha Babcock Mechanical Contractors Association, Omaha / AGC -

Nebraska Building Chapter

John Lindsay Nebraska Natural Gas Association

Andy Hartman One Call Board

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Matt Schaefer AT&T

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB930 amends the One-Call Notification Act to bar excavation within 25 feet of a natural gas transmission line or critical facility unless a representative of the utility is present.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2039 replaces the bill, removes reference to "critical facilities", and clarifies that this new section does not prohibit operators from voluntarily having a representative present during excavation or entering into a voluntary agreement with an excavator allowing the operator to be present during excavation.

Annette Dubas, Chairperson