ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB1070

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action: Indefinitely postponed Vote Results: Aye: 6 Senators Friesen, Hughes, Johnson, Lindstrom, Schilz, Schnoor Nay: Absent: Present Not Voting: 2 Senators Kolowski, McCollister Verbal Testimony: Verbal Testimony: Representing: Senator Ken Haar Introducer James Cavanaugh Nebraska Sierra Club Ellen Hansen Self Janece Mollhoff League of Women Voters Opponents: Representing: Chris Peterson Nebraska Petroleum Producers Association Dana Wreath Berexco LLC Leon Rodak Murfin Drilling Company Dave Haack Z and S Construction Company, Inc. Phil Kriz Evertson Joe Kohout American Petroleum Institute Neutral: Representing: Bill Sydow Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission	Hearing Date: Committee On: Introducer: One Liner:	Wednesday February 17, 2016 Natural Resources Haar Change powers and duties of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to require liability insurance and restrict permits as prescribed			
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1070 would require \$1 million in liability insurance for oil injection wells and disposal wells and \$5 million in liability insurance for commercial disposal wells, and would prohibit permits for underground enhanced recovery injection wells if the depth of the drinking water aquifer begins less than 50 feet below the surface of the ground or if the saturated depth of the drinking water aquifer extends more than 100 feet below the surface of the ground.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson