

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB176

Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2017

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

LB176 repeals six obsolete statutes, Sections 56-101, 56-115, and 56-124 to 127, granting eminent domain authority to any landowner of at least one bank of a stream wishing to “erect a dam across any watercourse for the purpose of building a water grist, saw, carding, or fulling mill, or of erecting any machinery to be propelled by water.” These statutes were enacted in the 19th century prior to enactment of the current appropriation system for water rights and they comprise the entirety of Chapter 56 of Neb. Rev. Stat.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bruce Bostelman, District 23