

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB307**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 31, 2019  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Albrecht  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to certain Department of Environmental Quality Funds

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Joni Albrecht  
Jim Macy  
Lash Chaffin  
Lance Hedquist  
Dean Edson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Department of Environmental Quality  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
South Sioux City  
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 307 updates revolving fund statutes administered by the Department of Environmental Quality to allow more flexibility as authorized by federal law.

Section 1 amends 71-5316, which provides definitions under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act, by updating the reference to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act as it existed, from May 22, 2001 to October 23, 2018.

Section 2 amends 71-5318, which creates the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund, by adding new language in the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act to allow transfers of funds made pursuant to 71-5327 between the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund to the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Loan Fund to meet the purposes of 71-5327. The director is required to identify such transfers in the intended use plan presented to the Environmental Quality Council for annual review and adoption pursuant to 71-5321.

Section 3 amends 71-5325, which describes loan fund terms, by extending the term of a drinking water state revolving fund loan from twenty years to thirty years and loans servicing disadvantaged communities are extended from thirty years to forty.

Section 4 amends 71-5327, which authorizes the director to reserve dollars for transfer to other authorized programs, by

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removing the sunset date and reinstating the director's authority to reserve a dollar amount equal to 33% of a capitalization grant made pursuant to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Section 5 amends 81-15,151 by adding language in the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act to allow transfers of funds made pursuant to 71-5327 between the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund to the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Loan Fund to meet the purposes of 71-5327. The director is required to identify such transfers in the intended use plan presented to the Environmental Quality Council for annual review and adoption pursuant to 71-5321.

Section 6 repeals the original sections.

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Dan Hughes, Chairperson