

2015 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1061

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB1061
1/15/2015
Job #22030

- ☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Beckie Streege

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the Water Topics Overview Committee

Minutes:

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Chairman Porter opens hearing on HB 1061.

Rep. Curt Hofstad: My name is Curt Hofstad, a Representative from District 15. This bill outlines the duties of the committee, suggesting we may meet with the State Water Commission - a very important function. In the last Interim Committee, we spent a lot of time meeting with the State Water Commission. That's very valuable, as the committee deals with a lot of important issues across our state from Fargo Diversion, Red River Water Supply, Western Area Water Supply Project, etc. It's important we stay engaged with the State Water Commission. I would encourage a do pass.

Vice Chairman Damschen: Do you see a lot of overlap between the Water Commission and the Water Topics Committee? Or are there more issues that need dealing with?

Rep. Curt Hofstad: They are two different branches of government. Water Topics Committee is an interim committee of the legislative branch, the State Water Commission is a function of the executive branch of the government. Bringing the two branches together, continuing to dialogue, is an important function.

Vice Chairman Damschen: Are there checks and balances?

Rep. Curt Hofstad: I would hope there would be, yes. The legislation comes forth through the Water Topics Committee, or through us as legislators, we are the law making branch of government. The Water Commission is there to carry out those functions.

Mike Dwyer, Representing the Water Users Association and the Water Resource Districts and Irrigation Association

Mike: We are extremely supportive of this bill that would continue the Water Topics Committee. It's very gratifying to have the checks and balances that Representative Damschen inquired about. Having a group of legislators that provide perspectives in terms of some of the extensive water issues we deal with is very valuable during the interim.

No Opposition

Hearing Closed on HB 1061

Rep. Mike Nathe: Motion for a Do Pass

Rep. Curt Hofstad: Second motion.

Chairman Porter: No further discussion. Clerk will call the roll on a Do Pass on HB 1061.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 5 (Rep. Dick Anderson, Rep. Bill Devlin, Rep. George Keiser, Rep. Corey Mock, Rep. Naomi Muscha)

Do Pass carries 8-0

Rep. Mike Lefor will carry the bill.

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Enter Bill/Resolution No." 1061

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 1061

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Rep. Mike Nathe

Seconded By Rep. Curt Hofstad

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter	x		Rep. Bob Hunsakor	x	
Vice Chairman Damschen	x		Rep. Corey Mock		A
Rep. Dick Anderson		A	Rep. Naomi Muscha		A
Rep. Roger Brabandt	x				
Rep. Bill Devlin		A			
Rep. Glen Froseth	x				
Rep. Curt Hofstad	x				
Rep. George Keiser		A			
Rep. Mike Lefor	x				
Rep. Mike Nathe	x				

Total (Yes) 8 No 0

Absent 5

Floor Assignment Rep. Mike Lefor

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1061: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 5 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1061 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2015 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Energy and Natural Resources Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1061
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- ☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Katie Oliver

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the water topics overview committee.

Minutes:

Chairman Schaible opened the committee work on HB 1061.

Senator Laffen made a motion for a Do Pass with a second by Senator Murphy.

Senator Triplett: Maybe this is just really picky, and I am not sure if I am motivated on trying to change this, but what we have in language now is, 'the committee shall work collaboratively with the state water commission...and may meet with the state water commission' How would you expect them to work collaboratively if they were not meeting and so I am not sure we need to add that little phrase in there, I think it is a little silly but I am not sure that I care enough to amend it out.

Vice Chair Unruh: I think it is silly, I will agree with that, but I think that it also might be necessary because maybe it does make it clear.

Senator Triplett: I have served on the water topics overview committee and we had staff from the water commission at every single meeting and there was certainly communication. They didn't need legislation to do it in the past so I am not sure why we need it now.

Senator Armstrong: Couldn't you say that the committee shall work collaboratively with and may meet with the state water commission if you wanted to clean it up. I agree that the sentence sounds silly.

There was no other discussion, roll was taken, the motion passed 6-0-1 with Senator Laffen carrying the bill to the floor.

Chairman Schaible then closed the committee work on HB 1061.

**2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1061**

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Senator Laffen Seconded By Senator Murphy

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Schaible	X		Senator Murphy	X	
Vice Chair Unruh	X		Senator Triplett	X	
Senator Armstrong	X				
Senator Hogue					
Senator Laffen	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Laffen

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1061: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Schaible, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1061 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.