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Legislative camp heightens interest for two Gothenburg High students

Ask any Nebraska high school student about the Keystone XL Pipeline and they've likely caught a blip or two about it in the news.

Maybe they've overheard adults discussing it, taking sides for the pros or the cons.

But it's likely most Nebraska high schoolers don't have a grasp of the economic impact such a project might have through newly created jobs or the environmental risk an unforeseen leak could cause.

Two Gothenburg High School juniors know all about the pipeline proposal, though, and the Nebraska Legislature's approach to dealing with it.

Rachel Rice and Betsy Potter got up-close and personal with the pipeline and the unicameral's legislative bill to deny construction across the state.

LB8 was one of 10 bills considered in June by high school students during Unicam Youth 2012, a Big Red Summer Academic Camp sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development.

This was the second time for both girls to attend the Unicam Youth camp, an experience vastly different from most other summer camps.

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