



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1113**

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**Chairperson:** Philip Erdman  
**Committee:** Agriculture  
**Date of Hearing:** January 12, 2008

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

LB 1113 proposes the creation of an appointed task force, identified as the Family Farm Advisory Council, to recommend programs, policies, services and strategies to support family farm operations. The work of the task force is intended to focus primarily on strategies to enhance income opportunities for family scale farming operations and to tailor lending, tax incentive, state procurement preferences, certification, rural development and other programs for the encouragement and support of preferred models of agricultural production.

The Council is administratively housed within the Department of Agriculture and authorizes the Department to facilitate the flow of information to assist the Council in carrying out its tasks, including the services of a meeting facilitator and the solicitation of advice of experts.

The Council is directed to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before December 15, 2008.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Philip Erdman**