



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 273**

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**Chairperson:** Philip Erdman  
**Committee:** Agriculture  
**Date of Hearing:** January 30, 2007

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

LB 273 proposes to change the definition of tractor for tractor testing purposes by increasing the horsepower from forty to sixty.

There has not been an increase in the base horsepower requirement since 1986 and during that period there has been a marked increase in the horsepower of agricultural tractors. As a result tractors less than sixty horsepower are primarily used for maintenance duty in urban and suburban areas of the state.

Nebraska consumers who want to purchase a larger compact utility tractor (less than 60 horsepower) that hasn't been permitted by the state of Nebraska, purchase those tractors in neighboring states. By raising the horsepower testing requirement, LB 273 will level the playing field for Nebraska implement dealers who are losing business to those states and increase sales tax revenue for the state and its political subdivisions with no adverse affects to the Nebraska Tractor Test Lab or Nebraska farmers.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Gail F. Kopplin**