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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 191

Chairperson: Bill Avery
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 5, 2009

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

LB 191 intends to assist Nebraska's small businesses, as defined in section 58-307, by suspending fines or other penalties that may be levied by a state agency or political subdivision for first-time violations of such agency's or political subdivision's reporting requirements. As many small businesses lack the necessary expertise and resources to effectively respond to various regulatory requirements, it follows that an improved equilibrium between regulatory enforcement and entrepreneurial incentive should be established.

A state agency or political subdivision may impose such a penalty, however, if it is determined that the violation interferes with a criminal investigation, infringes upon state or federal tax code, or has not been corrected within six months after receipt of written notice. LB 191 is not intended to interfere with any other rightful authority of a state agency or political subdivision to otherwise levy fines or penalties.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Tony Fulton