

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB770**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 17, 2012  
**Committee On:** Agriculture  
**Introducer:** Carlson  
**One Liner:** Change the Nebraska Seed Law

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Bloomfield, Brasch, Carlson, Harr, Karpisek, Larson, Lathrop, Wallman  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Rick Leonard  
Greg Ibach  
David Svik

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
Nebraska Department of Agriculture

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 770 would clarify a definition of "primary noxious weeds" as used in the Nebraska Seed Law to conform the definition to those weeds declared noxious by the Director of Agriculture under the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act. The Seed Law requires seed qualities declared on the labeling of commercial seeds be verified according to analytical procedures published by the Association of Official Seed Analysts. The Association's "Rules for Testing Seeds" are widely accepted as industry standard by commercial seed providers and regulatory officials. LB 770 would also amend 81-2,147 to update a reference to this publication in order to adopt the most recent a publication.

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Tom Carlson, Chairperson