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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1092

Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2012

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

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) any light bulb (lamp) with a mercury concentration exceeding 0.2mg/L is considered hazardous waste. The Nebraska Administrative Code contains provisions for the proper disposal of light bulbs containing mercury vapor and other "universal waste lamps" that mirror federal regulation.

The implementation of new energy efficiency standards for light bulbs under Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 will, over-time, increase the prevalence of mercury containing light bulbs in the homes of Nebraskans. LB1092 allows for the Department of Environmental Quality to disseminate information to and further educate the public with regard to the proper disposal of such bulbs so as to better abate the increase of mercury, a hazardous waste, within our environment.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Fulton