

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB200

Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2011

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

The Healthy Food Financing Initiative will promote and expand access to nutritious foods in economically distressed rural and urban areas, which are typically served by fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer little or no fresh produce. Lack of healthy, affordable food options can lead to higher levels of obesity and other diet-related diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

Passage of LB200 will not only improve food options, but also create jobs, help revitalize distressed communities, open up new markets for Nebraska farmers to sell their products and reduce healthcare costs.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Brenda Council