

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB355**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: February 22, 2011**

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

LB 355 inserts express authorization for the Department of Agriculture to employ an agricultural trade representative. The bill states legislative intent that the Department seek cooperative funding to defray half of the cost of the salary and expenses of this position.

LB 355 implements an option for general fund reductions identified by the Agriculture Committee pursuant to the LR 542 process. It is intended that any cooperator funding acquired would enable the replacement of general funds that would otherwise be necessary to fund this position.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Tom Carlson**