

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

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB391**

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**Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 17, 2011**

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

LB 391 is intended to raise awareness of the impacts of invasive species in Nebraska and provide for the development of the Nebraska Invasive Species Council to coordinate invasive species management and research in the state. It would assign duties to the Council with a purpose and obligation to fulfill them, and would provide a mechanism to report on invasive species issues to the Legislature. Duties of the proposed Council would include developing a state-wide adaptive management response plan, facilitating communication and collaboration, assisting with public outreach, and providing information to the Legislature and other interested parties on invasive species issues. The creation of this Council would also provide land managers with the information needed to utilize funding and resources more effectively and efficiently to reduce the impact of invasive species on the economy of Nebraska. Products and activities of the Nebraska Invasive Species Council would be advisory in nature, based on the most current scientific evidence, and not intended, alone, to dictate management actions or regulatory action.

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

**Senator Ken Schilz**