

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

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

### **LB698**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: March 01, 2011**

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

The purpose of LB698 is to repeal a Nebraska law, which was enacted more than two decades ago, governing the labeling of motor fuels containing oxygenates.

Ethanol is only one of nearly 300 chemicals that comprise gasoline. Gasoline containing a 10% blend of ethanol has been marketed successfully in Nebraska for more than 30 years.

The Environmental Protection Agency has ruled that gasoline containing a 10% blend of ethanol is essentially gasoline.

LB 698 will still allow retailers to label their pumps as containing 10% ethanol if they so choose.

The Environmental Protection Agency has recently approved a blend of gasoline and 15% ethanol. At this time, the Agency has not developed labeling guidelines for E-15.

There is no federal requirement that gasoline containing 10% of ethanol or less be labeled.

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

**Senator Mark Christensen**