

One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB770

Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 17, 2012

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

LB 770 amends the Nebraska Seed Law, by modifying the definition of primary noxious weed seeds to remove the names of specific noxious weeds and only list that the term means seeds of noxious weeds, as noxious weeds are designated in the Noxious Weed Control Act. This would eliminate confusion over which noxious weed seeds are included in the definition when the list of noxious weeds is modified by the Department of Agriculture in the future. The language in this proposed legislation more closely mirrors the language in the Noxious Weed Control Act. The bill also requires the use of the most current version of the Rules for Testing Seeds adopted by the Association of Official Seed Analysts. These rules establish the procedures to be used in the testing of seeds for determining compliance with the labeling requirements of the Nebraska Seed Law.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Carlson