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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB771

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 771 would incorporate the 2009 Food Code recommendation of the Public Health Service of the Food and Drug Administration into the Nebraska Pure Food Act. The Food Code is a model of regulatory oversight and best management practices by retail food sector participants for sanitation, safeguarding public health and ensuring food is unadulterated and honestly presented. The Nebraska Pure Food Act current incorporates the 2005 Food Code recommendations. LB 771 would additionally adjust food establishment license and inspection fees for those establishments licensed and inspected by the Department of Agriculture. The existing fee schedule was established by LB 74 enacted in 2007 and has been retained beyond its intended life expectancy. Adjustment in the statutory maximum fee schedule is necessary to avoid transferring costs of the program to the general fund.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Carlson