

**One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB789**

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**Chairperson: Senator Russ Karpisek**

**Committee: General Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 06, 2012**

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

LB 789 was introduced due to the number of electrical accidents and deaths that occurred in 2010. Investigations of these accidents by the State Electrical Division revealed below standard wiring on many irrigation and grain handling systems.

Currently, agricultural grain handling and irrigation systems do not fall under the inspection requirements of the Nebraska State Electrical Act. The bill requires newly installed irrigation and grain handling systems to be inspected under the Act. Currently installed systems would not have to be inspected.

The State Electrical Board feels there are substantial safety concerns with these projects that need to be addressed through required inspections.

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

**Senator Ken Haar**