

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1080

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 18, 2014
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Bloomfield
One Liner: Provide for nonprofit nursery stock distributors under the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bloomfield, Harr, Hansen, Johnson, Lathrop, Schilz, Wallman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Senator Bloomfield

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:
David Lionberger
Gary White
Dean Douglas

Representing:
Lincoln Iris Society
Greater Omaha Iris Society
Lincoln Iris Society

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1080 would insert a new section into the Nebraska Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act pertaining to non-profit nursery stock distributors. The bill defines a non profit nursery stock distributor as a non-profit entity organized for charitable, service or horticultural advancement of its members.

The bill exempts non-profit nursery stock distributors from the requirements for licensure and other regulations of the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act that apply to nursery stock distributors but imposes the following requirements on non-profit nursery stock distributors:

That the non-profit entity apply for registration

That the entity is subject to inspection, and if inspection is performed, the Department may impose an inspection fee of 35 dollars, and that the department may order the treatment or destruction of diseased or infested plants

The entity shall give thirty-days advance notice of fundraising nursery stock sales

A non-profit is limited to a single fundraising event and limited to sales of nursery stock sourced exclusively from a licensed distributor or to plants grown by its members.
