

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1080

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: February 18, 2014

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

LB 1080 would amend the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act by creating a section addressing nonprofit nursery stock distributors. LB1080 defines a nonprofit nursery stock distributor and exempts them from the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act except for the provisions laid out in LB 1080.

LB 1080 requires nonprofit nursery stock distributors to register with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by January 1 and to provide the department in writing thirty days prior to any fundraising sale. A nonprofit nursery stock distributor is allowed one fundraising sale event per year.

LB 1080 would allow the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to collect a fee of thirty-five dollars upon the inspection of nonprofit nursery stock distributor fundraiser. Upon inspection the department may require the treatment or destruction of any nursery stock that is infested, infected or nonviable.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dave Bloomfield