

# One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB69

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**Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: January 29, 2013**

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

LB 69 amends the Pesticide Act by changing the calculation of pesticide registration fees. In the calculation of fees the separate category for specialty pesticides would be eliminated and all pesticides would be subject to the same registration fee of \$160 per product. This is a reduction in fees for non-specialty pesticides since that fee was set at \$200 in 2001 and the specialty registration fee was set at \$160 in 2008. The change to only one registration fee would simplify the collection process.

The bill would allow the Department of Agriculture to raise or lower fees through rules and regulations. Current law only allows for fee increases by regulation. This will allow the Department to better manage the balance in the Pesticide Administrative Cash Fund.

The legislation would also update references to federal acts and the CFR.

The bill has an operative date of October 1, 2013.

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

**Senator Ken Schilz**