

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LR399

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2014

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

LR 399 recommends that the Nebraska Congressional Delegation take affirmative action to enact comprehensive immigration reform in 2014 to update immigration laws.

The resolution makes findings that:

- Immigration policy and laws are the responsibility of the federal government,
- The State of Nebraska nevertheless has legitimate interest in effective immigration laws,
- Nebraska community leaders, educators, business owners, cattlemen, farmers and the immigrant community recognize that the positive contributions of immigrants outweigh the challenges, and join in urging comprehensive immigration reform,
- Nebraska population trends indicate a future workforce shortage in agriculture, food processing, skilled trades, and professionally trained people, particularly in our rural communities; and,
- Current federal immigration laws are creating barriers to community development and undermining the success of Nebraska communities.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Wightman

