

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB899

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: January 25, 2018

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

LB 899 is a bill which prorates property values for property tax purposes once a property becomes destroyed by fire or some other natural disaster, such as a tornado or flood. The bill would require county equalization boards to adjust the assessed valuations of destroyed property to match that portion of the year when the property was intact and not destroyed.

The current system unfairly taxes property owners for property which has been destroyed. For instance, a property owner should not have to pay property taxes on the full assessed value of their home on January 1 when their home was destroyed on January 2. Instead, the value of their property should reflect those days when their home was intact and livable.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Erdman