

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB61

Chairperson: Senator Steve Halloran

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 22, 2019

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

LB 61 updates Nebraska's rabies statutes to better align with current science. The bill revises the reference to the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, which serves at the national standard for evidence-based practice for rabies prevention and control. The bill resolves conflicts between current state law and the Compendium. It removes outdated statutory restrictions related to seizure of an animal that bites or exposes a person and disposition of a domestic animal bitten by or exposed to a rabid animal. The Compendium now provides less restrictive options for dealing with such animals that will limit instances of quarantine or euthanasia. The Department of Health and Human Services' adoption and promulgation of evidence-based rules and regulations will allow for current and future alignment with the Compendium as necessary.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Halloran