

# **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LR5**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Halloran**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: February 02, 2021**

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

In 2019, LB 243 was passed by the Legislature, creating the Healthy Soils Task Force. The task force was charged with developing a comprehensive healthy soils initiative for the State of Nebraska. The task force submitted their report, entitled "Soil Health for Nebraska Wealth", to the Governor and the Agriculture Committee on December 31, 2020.

LR 5 asks the Legislature to formally accept the report, and its findings and recommendations. It reiterates that the Legislature supports and encourages a voluntary grassroots effort to protect and enhance our soils. Furthermore, LR 5 requests that the Legislature encourage state agencies to assist in these efforts.

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

**Senator Tim Gragert**