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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB651

Chairperson: Senator Rick Holdcroft

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing: March 03, 2025

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

LB 651 would make changes to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act in the following ways:

- a) Changing and establishing many definitions;
- b) Restates the language of the 2024 ballot initiative of the Patient Protection; Act removing civil and criminal penalties for the limited possession of cannabis for authorized individuals;
- c) Limits places where cannabis can be consumed;
- d) Defines employer and employee rights concerning cannabis use;
- e) Establishes a patient and caregiver registry and qualifications to be included;
- f) Establishes the Cannabis Commission;
- g) Lays out the types of licenses and licensure process;
- h) Establishes product standards and safety standards;
- i) Establishes local governance and zoning limitations;
- j) Requires seed to sale tracking of cannabis;
- k) Establishes financial provisions of licensees and taxation of product;
- l) Allows for institutional participation and research;
- m) Establishes reporting and compliance requirements;
- n) Requires confidentiality and data protections along with security and recordkeeping standards; and
- o) Establishes advertising and marketing restrictions along with transportation and delivery provisions.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Danielle Conrad