

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB848**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 25, 2022  
**Committee On:** Agriculture  
**Introducer:** Halloran  
**One Liner:** Change provisions of the Animal Health and Disease Control Act relating to catastrophic livestock mortality

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Brandt, Brewer, Cavanaugh, J., Gragert, Groene, Halloran, Hansen, B., Lathrop  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Steve Halloran  
Al Juhnke

John K. Hansen  
Dr. Jared Walahoski

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Nebraska Pork Producers, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Soybean Association, Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska State Dairy Association  
Nebraska Farmers Union  
Nebraska Cattlemen

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 848 inserts express authorities relating to planning for and responding to catastrophic livestock mortality emergencies.

Section-by-section summary:

Section 1: Amends Section 54-2940 of the Animal Health and Disease Control Act (AH&DCA) which enumerates authorities assigned to the Department of Agriculture. LB 848 inserts a new subsection (8) authorizing the Department to assist local emergency authorities with catastrophic livestock disease emergency planning and response.

Section 2: Amends Section 54-2946 of the AH&DCA which assigns a duty to livestock owners to timely and properly dispose of dead animals. LB 848 adds express authority for transport to a disposal site designated by a local emergency

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authority in the event of an emergency.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendment (AM1626) revises the express authority added by section 1 to avoid interpretation that the Department is limited to only assist local emergency authorities but can include both state and local investments. The amendment also corrects a drafting error in section 2. The disposal option added as new subdivision (1)(h) should be subsection (vi) of subdivision (1)(g). It is intended transports off the premises where the animal died occurs only under written permission of the Director.

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Steve Halloran, Chairperson