

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB889

Chairperson: Senator Steve Halloran

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 25, 2022

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

LB 889 amends the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act to align with the United States Department of Agriculture's Final Rule implementing the hemp provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act as amended by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill). The Final Rule was published January 19, 2021. LB 889 would make the following specific revisions:

1. Increasing the negligence threshold from 0.5% to 1.0%.
2. Allowing the use of performance-based sampling to be set out in the State Plan.
3. Increasing the harvest window from 15 to 30 days.
4. Allowing remediation options for hemp testing.

The bill also clarifies some record keeping and notification requirements and removes a delinquent fee to facilitate the administration of the program. Also, LB 889 changes a requirement for the Nebraska Hemp Commission to meet at least annually instead of quarterly.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Halloran