

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB831

Chairperson: Senator Steve Halloran

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2024

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

LB831 amends sections 2-945.01, 2-945.02, 2-952, 2-953, 2-954, 2-961, 2-963, and 2-965.01. LB831 intends to more clearly define a “noxious weed” and create a restricted list of plant species. The definition of “noxious weed” will be broadened but scientifically appropriate and with the restricted plant list will be more adept protecting Nebraska’s ecosystems. The Department of Agriculture will have the responsibility of designating plants that are noxious weeds and creating the restricted plant list. Penalties would include after 15 days of noncompliance there would be a \$100 fine per day that would be a maximum of a \$1500 penalty.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Carol Blood