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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 581**

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**Chairperson:** Tom Carlson  
**Committee:** Agriculture  
**Date of Hearing:** February 10, 2009

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

LB 581 redirects an additional \$10 of the pesticide product registration fee for both specialty and non-specialty products to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund and a corresponding reduction of \$10 per registration directed to the Buffer Strip Cash Fund. The effect of the bill would be to increase the amount of each registration fee directed to the Noxious Weed Program from \$30 to \$40 and reduce the amount of each fee deposited into the Buffer Strip Program Cash Fund from \$60 to \$50. These changes are incorporated into revisions proposed to §2-2634 of the Pesticide Act, which imposes the registration fee, for clarity and readability of this section. Existing specification of the portion of registration fee revenues that are directed to the Pesticide Act Administration Cash Fund and to the Natural Resources Water Quality Fund are retained.

The bill further directs a one-time transfer of \$100,000 from the Buffer Strip Program Cash Fund to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund and directs the Department to utilize an additional \$100,000 from the fund for crop water use efficiency research.

Finally, revenues derived from a portion of the sales price of a weed reference publication published by the Department of Agriculture which are currently placed in the Noxious Weed Cash Fund would be deposited instead in the Noxious Weed and Invasive Species Assistance Fund. Current statutory authority authorizing a series of annual transfers from the Weed Book Cash Fund to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund ending in FY 2009 is extended to allow the transfers to occur indefinitely if sufficient funds are available. .

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