

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB557**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Carlson**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 21, 2013**

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

A solar garden is a solar electric array with multiple subscribers connected to the utility grid. The subscribers may purchase a portion of the power produced by the array and receive a credit on their electric bill. Utility customers within the solar garden's service area, including residences, businesses, local governments, non-profits, and faith-based organizations, can all subscribe to receive the solar energy. LB 557 creates a structure for the creation and maintenance of solar gardens in Nebraska.

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

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