



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 873

Chairperson: Bob Kremer
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: January 31, 2006

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

LB 873 expands the authorities of the Department of Agriculture under the Poultry Disease Control Act to reflect current avian influenza disease concerns. This bill, brought at the request of the poultry industry of Nebraska, is a companion to LB 856 brought by the Department of Agriculture. The provisions of LB 873 are supplemental to those contained in LB 856.

The primary purpose of the bill is to extend the Department of Agriculture's poultry disease surveillance authorities to carry out monitoring of non-commercial poultry flocks for the presence of avian influenza, including highly pathogenic strains and intends that \$50,000 be appropriated for such purpose. The authority under the Act to enter poultry premises to inspect and test for known or suspected disease is expanded to include authority to enter for purposes of avian influenza and other dangerous, infectious contagious or transmissible diseases.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Bob Kremer