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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB970

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2022

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

The Covid-19 pandemic emergency resulted in recurring episodes of closure and diminished processing capacity of livestock processors. This disruption in the meat processing chain in turn imposed an economic impact on producers, the livestock industry and public and private animal health community, including loss of revenue and costs to deal with animals that had to be disposed of through euthanization. The potential for additional processing sector disruptions as the pandemic continues presents a novel and ongoing catastrophic livestock mortality risk and obviates a need to ensure planning, capacity and preparedness to respond appropriately.

The ARPA funding requested contemplates capital expenditures and potential aid to local emergency planning authorities to bolster public sector capacity to respond to a pandemic impact.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Halloran