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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB262

Chairperson: Senator Steve Halloran

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2023

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

LB 262 amends the Nebraska Pure Food Act to streamline operations of the Department and aligns provisions with the FDA Food Code. Currently, the Pure Food Act is more stringent than the FDA Food Code regarding the credentialing of food inspectors and food establishment's ability to use water from non-permanent sources such as water tanks. The bill would also allow permitted food establishments to sell food inside other food establishments without obtaining a new permit for each location. Additionally, the bill modifies the language relating to cottage food businesses so that a course offered by UNL can clearly be used to meet the food safety course requirement for these businesses and clears-up definitions to streamline the permitting process. Finally, the bill clarifies designations of types of food establishments to provide better uniformity of permits issued.

Principal Introducer: _____

**Senator Steve Halloran, Chairperson
Agriculture Committee**