

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB634

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2023

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

LB 634 will allow for the commercial sale of recreational cannabis in Nebraska for persons over the age of 21. This bill also establishes the licensing, application, and regulatory structure for store owners, cultivators, transporters, product lines, and related manufacturing. The bill provides a social equity component to ensure diversity and to decrease the barriers for entry into the industry with special prioritization on disenfranchised communities; communities impacted by drugs the most with cannabis charges. This bill will contain low-income verification and give priority to those who aspire to start certain cannabis companies. This legislation will include cannabis business zoning stipulations and make it illegal for landlords to take advantage of renters or buyers of cannabis business related properties.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney