

**One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LR413**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: February 25, 2014**

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

LR 413 would express legislative intent to request that the United States Department of Agriculture immediately withdraw a proposed rule entitled "Importation of Beef from a Region in Brazil" and not allow the importation of fresh beef from 14 Brazilian states due to an increased risk of introducing foot-and-mouth disease into this country.

LR 413 would also request that the Department adopt a rule to strictly prohibit the importation of fresh beef from Brazil until the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture certifies to Congress that every region of Brazil is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination.

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

**Senator Al Davis**