

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB242**

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**Chairperson: Senator Jerry Johnson**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: February 03, 2015**

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

LB 214 makes the following changes to the Dry Bean Act:

- It increases the amount of the assessment levied on each 100 pounds of dry beans sold, called a “check off”, which is used to fund the performance of the mission of the Dry Bean Commission. The current statutory maximum check off was set in 1987. The mission of this Commission is to develop, carry out and participate in programs of research, education, market development and promotion of dry edible beans. The assessment is raised from the current maximum allowed of 10 cents per hundred weight to 15 cents per hundred weight as of August 1, 2015, with authority for the Commission to adjust the assessment within a 24 cent maximum,
- It repeals the refund provision,
- It amends the law regarding the publications of the annual reports and its contents to recognize web based reporting, and;
- It amends the provisions of the Commission’s cash fund and specifies receipts that are to be credited to the fund. LB 242 adds new language providing payments to the fund, includes license fees, royalties, and repayments.

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

**Senator John Stinner**