

# **One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018**

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

### **LB1089**

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**Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: February 07, 2018**

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

LB 1089 is the annual administrative clean-up bill of the Nebraska Department of Revenue. It would allow a reassessment for property destroyed by a major calamity and touch on confidential information, refundable tax credits, and homestead exemptions.

Specifically, LB 1089 would assure that audit selection criteria and standards, discovery techniques, and the design of automated detection systems are confidential information.

Section 2 would allow property that is destroyed by a major calamity to be reassessed until July 20 of the tax year.

Section 3 would provide that a refundable tax credit is only an overpayment to the extent that the refundable credit exceeds tax liability.

LB 1089 would streamline and simplify the homestead exemption program by:

1. Merging the classification for an unremarried spouse of a serviceperson who died while on active duty into the classification granted for disabled veterans or their spouses;
2. Clarifying language regarding transfers of homestead exemptions when the recipient moves;
3. Eliminating the difference between original applications for a homestead exemption and the certification that nothing has changed in later years;
4. Requiring the notice of rejection of a homestead exemption for any reason to be sent within 10 days after the rejection;
5. Changing the deadline for filing an Application for Transfer of Nebraska Homestead Exemption from either August 15 or to within 30 days of receiving a Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption; and

6. Including the county assessor with the county treasurer as the county officials responsible for certifying the lost tax revenue due to granted homestead exemptions.

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

Senator Jim Smith