

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB157**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Halloran**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing:**

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

LB 157 adds some language to the law that governs commercial apiaries (bee keeping). The bill creates a hive location registry in the Department of Agriculture, with fees to fund the cost. It establishes a three-mile distance to be observed between registered hives and creates a civil cause of action for commercial bee keepers to seek remedy in the courts when competitors violate their registered hive locations. Being the only State in the Great Plains that lacks such a law makes the problem particularly acute in Nebraska.

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

Senator Tom Brewer