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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB708

Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: January 24, 2022

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

LB708 strikes a provision in statute that requires the Revisor of Statutes to copyright the supplements and reissued volumes of the Nebraska statutes. In 2020, the United States Supreme Court extended the "government edicts doctrine," which provides that federal, state, and local statutes and court decisions are in the public domain and are not eligible for copyright protection, to annotated versions of statutes or court decisions when such annotations are done by members of the government as part of their duties. Georgia v. Public.Resources.Org. Inc. 140 S. Ct. 1498 (2020).

Striking the requirement in section 49-707 aligns our statutes with the Court's decision that a copyright claim for the supplements and reissued volumes can no longer be registered with the U.S. Copyright Office.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Hughes