

# **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

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

**LB783**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Stinner**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: February 09, 2022**

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

The intent is to appropriate Seventy-five million dollars in Funds from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Public law 117-2, Subtitle M. Sec. 9901. The funds will be to the Department of Economic Development to issue grants for the beef processing industry in Nebraska for new plants because the meat processing industry has been adversely impacted by the Covid-19 public health emergency that caused supply chain disruption due to:

1. A bottleneck created insufficient slaughter capacity to serve the producer and the consumer.
2. The distance between such plants and beef producers.
3. Mitigation efforts related to the Covid-19 public health emergency.
4. Lack of efficiency in slaughter and packing plants due to employee shortages related to the Covid-19 public health emergency and crowded working conditions that aggravated the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

All grants must comply with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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