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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1200

Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

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

The purpose of LB1200 is to improve public health preparedness and coordination during disasters affecting large-scale livestock operations.

LB1200 requires large, vertically integrated livestock operations, known as industrial integrators, to engage in proactive disaster mitigation planning and to establish clear lines of communication with public health authorities, emergency responders, and local officials before a crisis occurs. Examples of disaster events include infectious and zoonotic disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and other major disruptions that pose risks to public health and safety.

Nebraska has experienced repeated livestock disease outbreaks and natural disasters that strain rural health systems and emergency responders. Given the scale and concentration of animals controlled by industrial integrators, advance planning and coordination are essential to protecting workers, neighboring communities, and responders.

LB1200 is not intended to prohibit livestock production. Instead, it promotes basic responsibility and preparedness by requiring annual disaster mitigation plans focused on communication, disease control, worker safety, and community protection, helping to reduce confusion, delays, and long-term public health and economic impacts.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dunixi Guereca