

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB394

Chairperson: Senator Barry DeKay

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: February 04, 2025

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

LB 394 is brought at the request of the Department of Agriculture to update provisions of the Nebraska Weights and Measures Act.

The bill would update reference to publications of the National Conference on Weights and Measures that are incorporated into the Act as standards governing the sale of products by weight, measure or count, and the methodologies for inspecting and verifying accuracy of scales, meters and other devices used in commercial transactions.

LB 394 would additionally establish a new schedule of fees for commercial scales, meters and other measuring devices that support the Department of Agriculture's inspection and enforcement activities. The bill would eliminate an initial application fee for the permit required to legally place a device into commercial service. Further, the bill would reclassify an annual "inspection" fee as an annual device fee and would revise both a base-year and statutory maximum annual device fee. The additional fee authority authorized by the bill would facilitate transitioning the weights and measures program to a fully cash funded activity.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Barry DeKay