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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB665

Chairperson: Senator Barry DeKay

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2025

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

The intent of LB665 is to protect Nebraska's livestock industry and food supply from potential foreign surveillance through the use of electronic identification devices (EIDs) manufactured by foreign adversaries. The bill seeks to prevent the state from mandating EIDs that could compromise the security and privacy of Nebraska's agricultural data.

LB665 allows producers to voluntarily use EIDs, provided they are not manufactured by foreign adversaries, ensuring the integrity of Nebraska's livestock management. The bill emphasizes the need to balance accurate disease traceability and livestock management with the protection of the state's food supply from potential foreign tracking and surveillance, which could pose risks to national security.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tanya Storer