

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB828

Chairperson: Senator Steve Halloran

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2024

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

The purpose of LB828 is to amend sections 81-2,165.01, 81-2,165.02, 81-2,166, and 81-2,179 to add updated language to the current Nebraska Apiary Act, to create the Pollinator Task Force and require the task force to research laws, rules and regulations from Nebraska and the United States in relation to pollinators and pollinator habitats to develop a pollinator plan. The pollinator plan evaluates pollinator populations in Nebraska and examines reasons for population decreases. A yearly report will be submitted to the legislature with updates on the pollinator plan and recommendations to the legislature to fulfill said plan.

The bill establishes the Nebraska Apiary Registry, a private registry mandating participation for the purposes of collecting data and information about the beekeeping industry, to educate beekeepers on best practices and respond to disease outbreaks.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Carol Blood