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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB626

Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: March 09, 2011

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

LB 626 would adopt the Electronics Recycling and Job Creation Act. The purpose of the bill is to establish a comprehensive electronic device recycling system that ensures the safe and environmentally sound management of electronic devices and encourages the design of electronic devices that are recyclable and less toxic.

LB 626 follows the producer responsibility model of electronics recycling, and establishes a tiered fee structure for manufacturers based on the quantity of electronic devices sold in Nebraska by the manufacturer. Under the bill, manufacturers selling fewer than twenty-five electronic devices in the state are exempt from paying the fees, and fees are reduced by fifty percent for manufacturers which certify that more than sixty percent of the electronic devices they sold in the state were recycled. Fees would be used to award grants for creation and retention of jobs in the electronics recycling industry, education and information about electronics recycling, infrastructure development, and the collection, transportation, and recycling of electronics devices.

LB 626 also includes a ban on the disposal of electronic devices containing a cathode-ray tube in a landfill on or after July 1, 2016.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Heath Mello