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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB794

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 18, 2012

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

LB 794 would allow the Department of Health and Human Services to add accelerator-produced radioactive material and discreet radium sources to a list of by-product material definitions in Nebraska's state statutes.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently added authority over accelerator-produced radioactive material and discreet radium sources to its definition of by-product material. These materials were previously only regulated by states, including Nebraska.

Because Nebraska is a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Agreement State, it is now required to define terms so they match those of the Commission. Since the Commission changed its definition, Nebraska must do so, as well.

LB 794 would not affect who or what is regulated by our state laws. Nebraska would continue to regulate by-product material in the same way that it has always been done.

LB 794 would not impact current state licensees, nor would additional licensees be added.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator R. Paul Lambert