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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB289

Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 19, 2015

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

Many of Nebraska's hundreds of local communities have enacted ordinances governing the ownership, possession, transportation, carrying, registration, transfer, and storage of firearms and firearms ammunition. In addition, certain cities and villages continue to have on the books enactments governing the concealed carry of handguns, although those enactments have been subsumed by the enactment of the state Concealed Handgun Permit Act in 2006.

The citizens of Nebraska need and deserve consistent firearms regulation across the state consistently enforced in all jurisdictions. A family leaving their central Nebraska community in the fall, for instance, to travel to an event in Lincoln or Omaha should not have to wonder whether a hunting firearm transported in their vehicle is in violation of the law in their community of destination or those they travel through.

And individual relocating to a new community should not have to wonder whether the ownership of a handgun requires registration with law enforcement in that new community.

LB289 would place consistent, state-wide, uniformity with local firearm enactments while allowing local communities to continue to enact and enforce prohibitions on firearm discharge.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Laura Ebke