

One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB905

Chairperson: Senator Lou Ann Linehan

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2020

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

LB905 implements a five cent fee on single-use checkout bags at for-profit stores. Bags used to contain meat, seafood, loose produce, or other unwrapped food items, newspaper bags, and laundry or dry cleaning bags would be exempt.

One out of every five cents collected through the fee will be allocated to the Plastic Bag Reduction Fund which will be used to provide free reusable checkout bags to the public. One cent will be returned to the retailer, and the remaining three cents will be allocated to the state's general fund.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Wendy DeBoer