

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB744

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 15, 2022
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Erdman
One Liner: Change provisions relating to identification and inspection of livestock

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brandt, Brewer, Cavanaugh, J., Gragert, Groene, Halloran, Hansen, B.
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Lathrop
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Steve Halloran
Jim Dinklage

Representing:

Introducer
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Jacy Hauge
John K. Hansen
Tanya Storer

Representing:

Nebraska Cattlemen
Nebraska Farmers Union
Nebraska Brand Committee

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

As introduced, LB 744 would strike provisions of the brand law that authorize the Brand Committee to offer e-inspection as a means of compliance with brand inspection requirements.

The primary revisions are found in sections 10 and 11. Sec. 10 amends Section 54-199 to strike subsection (5) which currently authorizes the Brand Committee to issue rules and regulations governing the use of non-visual identifiers for purposes of enrolling animals to be eligible for e-inspection. Sec. 11 amends Section 54-1,108 by striking portions of subsection (2) which authorize the Brand Committee to allow e-inspection as a means of meeting brand inspection requirements. The bill retains an option for dairy producers to submit documentation in lieu of physical inspection and specifies the fee.

The remainder of the bill makes conforming revisions as necessary throughout the Livestock Brand Act.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment (AM1932) strikes the original provisions and becomes the bill. The amendment revises Section 54-199 to provide that information provided by producers for brand inspection are not public records for purposes of Sections 84-712 to 84-712.09

Steve Halloran, Chairperson