

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB361

Chairperson: Senator Robert Clements

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 01, 2023

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

Last year the Legislature adopted LB 761, to create the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program. The program would incentivize the adoption of precision agriculture connectivity, sustainability, traceability, and autonomy. Funding was supposed to be through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD). The Public Service Commission determined it did not have the authority to use BEAD funds for this program.

LB 361 seeks to appropriate two million dollars for each of fiscal years 2023-2r and 2024-25 to carry out the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Myron Dorn