

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB735**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Halloran**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: February 21, 2023**

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

LB 735 would amend section 81-2,165.01 known as the Nebraska Apiary Act and Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to establish a work group of scientists from the University of Nebraska to analyze chemical exposure to bees and recommend potential remedial action through the department of Agriculture. Also LB 735 would create the Nebraska Stewardship Program, which will maintain a beekeeping registry.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Carol Blood**