

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1115

Chairperson: Senator Rick Holdcroft

Committee: General Affairs

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

LB1115 modernizes Nebraska's beer franchise laws by excluding microbreweries producing fewer than 20,000 barrels of beer per year from those provisions. The bill recognizes that franchise statutes enacted in the 1980s were designed to govern relationships between large national brewers and small, independent distributors, but those same provisions now constrain and distort the contractual relationships of many small breweries now operating in Nebraska. LB1115 preserves franchise protections for larger manufacturers while allowing qualifying small breweries and wholesalers to operate under ordinary contract law, better aligning the statute with current industry structure and business realities and promoting free market flexibility—as has been done in other states across the country.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tanya Storer