

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1151

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:

LB1151 would provide for a Regional Craft Brewers License in Nebraska. Currently, if a brewer makes more than 20,000 barrels of beer anywhere in the country, they are limited to holding a manufacturing license in Nebraska. LB1151 creates the Regional Craft Brewers License which would cover brewers that brew more than 20,000 barrels and less than 200,000 barrels per year. LB1151 makes it possible for Regional Craft Brewer Licensees to hold a retail, catering, special designated, entertainment district, and promotional farmers licenses as well. Brewers holding a Regional Craft Brewers License would not be permitted to self-distribute their products and would be required to purchase all beer, wine, and spirits not produced by the brewer through the wholesale market.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Stan Clouse