

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB16

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2025

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

LB16 adopts the Consumable Hemp Control Act, which would create a regulatory framework for the sale and marketing of consumable hemp. LB16 requires any person or entity that seeks to market or sell consumable hemp to be licensed by the state and pay a license fee. The bill provides for local governments or citizens to be heard regarding the issuance and renewal of such licenses. Licensed retailers would be required to abide by various laws and regulations regarding the sale of hemp, such as age restrictions, labelling and packaging requirements, and other regulations. LB16 would direct the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission to regulate and enforce statutes and regulations that would relate to the sale of consumable hemp. Finally, LB16 would also allow for a state excise tax to be assessed on the wholesale purchase of hemp products, to be paid by licensed retailers, and the option for a local occupation tax approved by a municipality.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Cavanaugh