

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB823**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brandt**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

The intent of LB823 is to modernize Nebraska's open burning statutes and strengthen the data collected from the practice. LB823 accomplishes this by establishing clear definitions that distinguish between controlled burning and prescribed burning as two distinct land management practices, and by mandating the tracking of approximate acreage during the permit and planning processes. These changes will advance the development of land-management burning in Nebraska by equipping landowners, fire departments, policymakers, and researchers with clearer guidance and essential data.

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

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

**Senator Dave Wordekemper**