

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB947

Chairperson: Senator Barry DeKay

Committee: Agriculture

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

LB 947 makes a series of adjustments to fees charged under programs administered by the Department of Agriculture, eliminates certain duties assigned to the Department of Agriculture, terminates certain cash funds and directs transfers of funds. It is the intent to offset reliance on general funds.

Specific revisions include:

- Revises fee authority for license, inspection and certification fees charged under the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act, clarifies the calculation of an hourly charge component of inspection fees, and strikes an expired authorization for expenditures from the associated cash fund;
- Revises fee authority for pesticide product registration charged under the Nebraska Pesticide Act and increases allocations of revenues from the fee to the noxious weed and pesticide administration cash funds;
- Eliminates a duty to publish a weed reference publication, terminates a related cash fund and directs any residual funds in that fund be transferred to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund; and,
- Terminates the Potato Development Cash Fund and directs any residual funds remaining in that fund upon termination be transferred to the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Cash Fund

Principal Introducer: _____

**Senator Barry DeKay, Chairperson
Agriculture Committee**