

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB948

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 948 amends the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioners Act. The bill would rename the Act as the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Beneficial Substances Act and expands the package and labeling regulations of the Act to additional agronomically beneficial products, not just limited to soil conditioners. Defined terms for purposes of the Act are revised and necessary revisions to product registration requirements and labeling disclosures to accommodate extending the regulatory purposes of the Act to beneficial substances are inserted.

LB 948 further inserts a fee for fertilizer and beneficial substances product registration to offset costs of reviewing product registration applications. The bill also increases the minimum inspection fee based on tonnage of product sold or distributed and increases the annual license fee. LB 948 also expands authorized use of funds in the associated cash fund to the support of plant health programs administered by the Department of Agriculture. It is the intent of these revisions to reduce reliance on general funds.

LB 948 also repeals the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Resources Act and terminates the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development Development, Utilization and Marketing Fund and directs the transfer of any residual funds remaining in the associated cash fund upon termination to the Agricultural Products Marketing Cash Fund. The bill also outright repeals dormant and obsolete statutes authorizing support of various agricultural organizations.

Principal Introducer: _____

**Senator Barry DeKay, Chairperson
Agriculture Committee**