

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

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

### **LB1029**

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**Chairperson: Senator Annette Dubas**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2014**

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

Over the years, movements of agricultural products have been granted over weight or over length permits, particularly during busy seasons of spring planting and harvesting.

Current law, allows for over weight permits for carrying grain or other seasonally harvests products from the field where such grain or products are harvested to storage or market, to transport an implement of husbandry during day light hours and other vehicles.

Due to the changes in the agricultural sector, the need to move large amounts of fertilizer to farm fields has increased. Due to increased petroleum costs and the size of the application equipment in the field, hauling liquid and dry fertilizers requires a greater weight limitation in order to fill these applicators in the field.

L.B. 1029 simply allow the same permitting as exists for hauling grain products allowing a permit for loading up to fifteen percent greater than the maximum weight specified by law, and adopts the similar length requirement as is allowed by the movement of grain.

L.B. 1029 does not address anhydrous ammonia which is designated a hazardous material and is governed by federal department of transportation laws.

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

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