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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB544

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: February 26, 2013

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

Bovine trichomoniasis is a venereal disease in cattle that devastates reproductive capabilities. Symptoms of the disease are difficult to identify until it is too late. However, simple and low cost management strategies can protect an entire herd if notification of the disease is in the area, occurs.

LB 544 would require owners and managers of cattle that test positive for bovine trichomoniasis to notify adjacent landowners of this fact. The bill would also require these owners and managers to submit documentation of this notification to the Department of Agriculture. If an owner or manager does not comply with the notification the Department of Agriculture will provide notice and charge administrative costs to the owner or manager.

LB 544 also allows an exception from privilege/confidentiality for veterinarians when a client has cattle that test positive for bovine trichomoniasis.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Thomas Hansen