

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB419**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Gloor**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: February 18, 2015**

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

LB 419 would amend Sections 77-2701 and 77-2701.04 to provide certain tax exemptions for nationally accredited zoos and aquariums.

Zoos are a major driver of tourism, which is Nebraska's third largest industry. LB 419 will foster economic development and growth by providing Nebraska's four nationally accredited zoos with the ability to reinvest additional funds into facilities, programming and promotion of our top attractions. Ongoing reinvestment will enable Nebraska's zoos and aquariums to further attract and retain visitors to the state.

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

**Senator Heath Mello**