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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Jerry Johnson

Committee: Agriculture

Date of Hearing: February 16, 2016

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

LB 968 amends 2-3815 which assigns agricultural promotion and development authorities to the Department of Agriculture. The bill inserts express authorization to coordinate and cooperate with other public and private entities for the purpose of identifying opportunities for recruiting investment in agricultural processing and to advise and assist communities in local elements of the recruitment process. Additionally, the bill further expressly provides that such cooperation and coordination includes contracting for the services of specialists for this purpose and to enter agreements with public or private organizations for the provision and funding of such services.

Principal Introducer:	
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