

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB1117**

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**Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: February 15, 2018**

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

LB 1117 increases the tax on cigarettes from \$0.64 to \$2.14; increases the tax on snuff from \$0.44 to \$1.00; and increases the tax on all other tobacco products from 20% of the purchase price to 45%. Any additional revenue generated from the provisions of LB 1117 shall be deposited in the general fund, except that the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund will receive \$2.5 million annually.

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

Senator Sue Crawford