



Nebraska Wheat Board

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Senator Lavon Heidemann
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Senator Heidemann,

The approval of LB1 during the recent special session will have a minimal impact on the Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB). The following responses to your letter will show the impact on our non code agency.

The Nebraska Wheat Board currently has 2.75 FTE's and with the passage of LB1 it is expected that there will be no impact on current staffing.

Currently there is no expected impact on NWB research, education, promotion and marketing activities to the public or agency functions. The NWB plans to conduct all current activities and will make budgetary adjustments to gain efficiencies.

As a result of the budget reductions LB 1 could decrease the leverage of producer dollars to match federal funding through the USDA-MAP program. Overall this could have an impact on export marketing, trade teams, reverse trade missions, trade servicing and ultimately lower wheat exports from the state.

Under LB 1 there are no cash transfers to the General Fund and accordingly will not have an impact on fees at this time.

LB 2 Has no effect on the Nebraska Wheat Board.

LB 3 Has no effect on the Nebraska Wheat Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the impact of LB 1, LB 2, and LB3 on our agency. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions.

Respectfully,

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Nebraska Wheat Board

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