

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB283**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday March 01, 2011  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Haar  
**One Liner:** Provide school boards with tax levy and bond authority relating to energy efficiency projects

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Adams, Avery, Cornett, Council, Haar, Howard, Schilz, Sullivan

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Ken Haar  
Mike Kros  
Richard Hedrick  
Craig Moody

John Bonaiuto  
Mike Dulaney  
Jon Habben  
Ken Winston  
Larry Scherer  
Mark Shepard

**Representing:**

Introducer  
USGBC Nebraska Flatwater  
Self  
Verdis Group, Omaha Public Schools, Green Omaha Coalition  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Nebraska Council of School Administrators  
Nebraska Rural Community School Association  
Nebraska Sierra Club  
Nebraska State Educators Association  
Lincoln Public Schools

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

Scott Keene

**Representing:**

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Ameritas Investment Corp.

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative Bill 283 would amend section 79-10,110 to include energy efficiency projects among the purposes for which a school district may levy taxes or issue bonds under the section. As defined in the bill, an energy efficiency project would include, but not be limited to, any inspection and testing regarding energy usage, any maintenance to reduce, lessen, put an end to, diminish, moderate, decrease, control, or eliminate energy usage, any restoration or replacement of material or related architectural and engineering services, and any other action to reduce or eliminate energy usage in new or existing school buildings or on school grounds under the control of a school board.

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Greg Adams, Chairperson