

# One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB646

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**Chairperson: Senator Dan Watermeier**

**Committee: Executive Board**

**Date of Hearing: February 06, 2017**

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

Pests, drought, floods, high winds, and other extreme weather present serious, diverse, and ongoing issues for Nebraska. Many sectors and resources are impacted by such extreme weather, including agriculture, water, health care, energy generation and usage, ecosystems, forestry, rural and urban communities, transportation, and commerce and industry. Nebraska's life-giving water and soil resources continue to be at serious risk.

Opportunities exist for the people of Nebraska to respond appropriately to these risks, including economic opportunities through development of renewable energy from our abundant wind and solar resources, reduction of pollutants through efforts to reduce the use of fossil fuels, and development of new technologies, new agricultural crops and harvesting methods, and new products that match Nebraska's vibrant and changing needs and resources.

LB646 creates The Pests, Drought, Flood, and Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparedness Plan Task Force to develop a strategic plan for climate change.

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

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks