

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 242

Introduced by Jacobson, 42; Hughes, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine methods to promote the development of a competitive electric vehicle charging market in Nebraska and the creation of electric infrastructure to support such market. The study should seek to identify barriers to growth in the industry and recommend potential legislation to encourage growth in the industry.

The study should include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) How to improve the quantity, quality, and variety of electric vehicle charging amenities and consumer experience services available in the state; and

(2) How to establish a framework designed to encourage private sector investment in the deployment of electric vehicle charging equipment by:

(a) Encouraging private investment, ownership, and operation of publicly available electric vehicle charging equipment that allows for fast-charging at business locations that offer amenities such as restrooms, food, and beverages and are open twenty-four hours per day and seven days per week;

(b) Stimulating innovation, competition, and private investment in the electric vehicle charging market;

(c) Developing mechanisms to incentivize and support the long-term and short-term efficient and cost-effective use of the electric grid in a manner that supports the operation of electric vehicle charging equipment;

(d) Providing investment or incentive resources to support private investment in the operation of electric vehicle charging equipment;

(e) Balancing the roles of entities that supply, produce, or distribute electricity within the state for sale at wholesale or retail, and private

enterprise in the market for electric vehicle charging services; and

(f) Establishing an electric vehicle charging rate structure that promotes long-term alternative fuel market competition by encouraging transparent pricing, stable operating costs, private investment, innovation, and a widespread implementation of publicly available fast-charging electric vehicle technology and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.