

# One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB802

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 03, 2016**

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

LB 802 creates the Health Climate Resiliency Task Force. The voting members of the Task Force would be appointed by the Chairpersons of the Health and Human Services, Appropriations, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Education Committees of the Legislature. Nonvoting members include agency directors and representatives of institutions that deal with issues related to health or climate impacts. There would also be an advisory committee representing a wide range of interests and expertise.

The Task Force would create a strategic plan for the State of Nebraska related to the impacts of climate change on the health and well-being of Nebraskans. The plan would include measurable goals and benchmarks for adaptation and mitigation to improve health and well-being and increase resilience. Recommendations for policies and programs that support the goals and benchmarks would be provided, including recommendations for legislation and funding.

In order to create the strategic plan the Task Force would review and compile information on risks and assessments of vulnerability to human health and well-being from climate change from a wide range of categories. It would also examine opportunities from climate change.

The Task Force would submit the strategic plan to the Governor and Legislature on or before December 15, 2016.

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

Senator Ken Haar