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LEGISLATIVE BILL 230

Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

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Committee: Executive Board

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to create the
2 Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee; to provide duties;
3 and to declare an emergency.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds and declares that:

2 (a) Economic development is vitally important for the well-being of
3 the state;

4 (b) Because there is no standing committee specifically dedicated to
5 economic development, legislation addressing economic development is
6 referenced to various standing committees; and

7 (c) The Legislature and the State of Nebraska would benefit from a
8 more coordinated approach to legislation addressing economic development.

9 (2) The Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee is created.
10 The committee shall gather input on issues pertaining to economic
11 development and discuss proactive approaches on economic development. The
12 committee shall monitor and guide analysis and policy development in all
13 aspects of economic development in Nebraska. The committee shall also
14 discuss long-range strategic plans to improve economic development within
15 the state.

16 (3) The Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee shall be
17 composed of three nonvoting members of the Legislature appointed by the
18 Executive Board of the Legislative Council, one from each congressional
19 district, and the following six nonvoting, ex officio members: The
20 Director of Economic Development or his or her designee, the Commissioner
21 of Labor or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Appropriations
22 Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of
23 the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature or his or her
24 designee, the chairperson of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature or
25 his or her designee, and the chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee
26 of the Legislature or his or her designee. The committee members shall
27 choose a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the committee
28 members.

29 (4)(a) The Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee shall
30 meet on or before June 15, 2017, and on or before each June 15
31 thereafter.

1 (b) Following the meeting required by subdivision (4)(a) of this
2 section, the committee shall meet not less than once every three months,
3 but shall not be required to meet while the Legislature is in session.

4 (c) Meetings of the committee shall be called by the chairperson.

5 (d) The committee may ask other persons or entities to attend its
6 meetings or present information at such meetings.

7 (5) This section shall terminate on January 1, 2024.

8 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
9 passed and approved according to law.