

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB283

Hearing Date: Monday February 11, 2019
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Provide for a climate change study

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Bolz, Chambers, Hilgers, Kolterman, Vargas, McCollister
Nay:	2	Senators Hughes, Lowe
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Scheer

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Patty Pansing Brooks, Senator
Ken Haar, Senator
Matha Shulski
James Cavanaugh
Alan Vovolka
Kim Morrow
Donna Garden
Alan Moeller
Jesse Eugene Bell
Mike Kross
Katie Torpy Carroll
Francis Mendenhall
Matt Gregory
Jesse Starita
Alex Houchin
Ron Todd-Meyer
Barrie Merchant
Carmelo Lattuca

Representing:

Self
Self
Self
Sierra Club - Nebraska Chapter
Omaha Together One Community
Verdis Group
City of Lincoln
NE Elder Climate Legacy
Self
American Institute of Architects- NE Chapter
The Nature Conservancy
Self
Nebraska Wildlife Federation
Self
Citizen Climate Lobby, NE Climate Caucus
Nebraskans for Peace
Lincoln Chapter - Citizens Climate Lobby
Self

Opponents:

Jane Polson
Rick Yoder
Linda Behrns
Roger Behrns

Representing:

Keep Nebraska Beautiful
Self
Keep Cass County Beautiful
Self

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 283 outlines several findings regarding climate change and its effects on Nebraska and requires that a plan be

developed by the University of Nebraska to address the challenges of climate change and its impact on the state.

The University would be required to develop an evidence-based, data-driven, strategic action plan that provides methods for adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change on the Nebraska economy and the health and well-being of Nebraskans. Specific elements that the plan must address are included in the bill. Funding for the study (\$250,000) would be transferred from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund to the University of Nebraska.

An action plan is to be submitted to the Executive Board and the Governor on or before December 15, 2020.

Historical information:

2017

LR46 (Larson) Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to develop a climate action plan. (Indefinitely postponed - end of session)

LR455(2015) Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to examine issues related to the impacts of climate change on the State of Nebraska. (Adopted %u2013 report issued)

Final Report:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/reports/committee/select_special/lr455_2016/lr455report_2016.pdf

Post-Secondary Supplement

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/reports/committee/select_special/lr455_2016/lr455supp_2016.pdf

Explanation of amendments:

Section 1 of the original bill outlined several findings regarding climate change. The committee amendment strikes section 1 and adds new language that focuses on the opportunities that exist for Nebraskans to plan for and respond to extreme weather risks, including taking advantage of economic opportunities, as well as reducing potential negative impacts.

The amendment also changes the funding source for the cost of strategic action plan to be development by the University of Nebraska from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund to the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Collection Fund.

Mike Hilgers, Chairperson