



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 652**

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**Hearing Date:** February 7, 2007  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources

**Introducer(s):** (White)  
**Title:** Require the state and political subdivisions to do energy audits

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - X Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

8	Yes	Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Fischer, Hudkins, Kopplin, Louden, Wallman
0	No	None
0	Present, not voting	None
0	Absent	None

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Tom White  
Cecil Steward

Ken Winston  
Loran Schmit

**Opponents:**  
None

**Neutral:**  
Cory Fuehrer

Gary Krumland  
Tim Texel  
Jack Cheloha

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities  
Nebraska Chapter, Sierra Club  
Self

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Public Power District; Nebraska Power Association  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Nebraska Power Review Board  
City of Omaha

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 652 does the following:

Section 1      Intent language

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Improved energy efficiency by the state and its political subdivisions would result in economic, health and environmental benefits.

- Section 2 Requires agencies, departments, commissions and every political subdivision of the state to conduct an energy usage audit. The audit must cover the following:
- (1) Methods of reducing energy usage;
  - (2) Costs of implementing energy efficiency measures;
  - (3) Projected benefits; and
  - (4) Whether alternative energy resources are available to provide additional benefits.
- Section 3 Requires a report of each audit be submitted to the Legislature by December 31, 2007. Allows the use of technical assistance from public utilities, the Nebraska Energy Office, the University of Nebraska and other resources.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

None

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**Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson**