

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 108

Introduced by Louden, 49;

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine issues relating to the laws of Nebraska governing the generation of electric power using renewable energy. Some of the issues to be examined are;

(1) A review of various forms of renewable generation, including the costs of such generation and the potential for development of such generation in Nebraska;

(2) A review of the operation and cost of Nebraska's existing renewable and zero-emission generation resources and costs for new generation facilities;

(3) A review of how the current power generation portfolio mix is utilized to meet electric loads and how additional renewable energy would impact operations;

(4) A review of the adequacy of Nebraska's transmission system as it relates to the development of renewable and zero-emission generation and identification of what transmission investments may be necessary to support additional development;

(5) A comparison and evaluation of existing state and federal incentives to encourage greater development of renewable energy resources, including, but not limited to, tax incentives, grants, net billing, or net generation methodologies offered by other states to encourage renewable energy investment and to

determine the applicability of such incentives in a public power state; and

(6) A review of the statutes, including those governing the Nebraska Power Review Board, to determine what, if any, statutory changes are necessary to further the recommendations for the development of a comprehensive renewable energy policy for the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.