

AMENDMENTS TO LB 653

Introduced by Executive Board.

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

4 (1) State government has significant challenges to face.

5 An ever-changing global economy, an aging population, out-migration
6 of educated young people, and constantly expanding needs for
7 services, among other issues, require that the Legislature
8 consider the long-term trends and factors affecting the welfare of
9 Nebraskans and the long-term implications of the decisions made by
10 the members of the Legislature;

11 (2) It is necessary for the Legislature to identify
12 emerging trends, assets, and challenges of the state;

13 (3) It is vital for Nebraska to have continuity in
14 policy;

15 (4) It is necessary to establish a process of long-term
16 state planning within the Legislature; and

17 (5) It is the duty of the Legislature to assess the
18 long-range needs of Nebraska and to adopt legislation which meets
19 those needs.

20 Sec. 2. The Legislature's Planning Committee is hereby
21 established as a special legislative committee to exercise the
22 authority and perform the duties provided for in this section. The
23 committee shall be comprised of the Speaker of the Legislature, the

1 chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, the
2 chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and
3 six other members of the Legislature to be chosen by the Executive
4 Board of the Legislative Council. The executive board shall
5 ensure that the Legislature's Planning Committee includes adequate
6 geographic representation. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of
7 the committee shall be elected by majority vote of the committee.
8 The committee shall be subject to all rules prescribed by the
9 Legislature. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of
10 each regular legislative session and shall meet as needed. The
11 committee shall have staff support from the various legislative
12 divisions and staff.

13 Sec. 3. The Legislature's Planning Committee shall:

14 (1) Collect and analyze data about Nebraska, including,
15 but not limited to, demographics, workforce, education, wages,
16 wealth, tax structure, revenue, natural resources, assets,
17 challenges, trends, and growth and efficiency of government;

18 (2) Identify long-term issues significant to the state;

19 (3) Set goals and benchmarks;

20 (4) Issue a yearly report of its findings; and

21 (5) Propose legislation.

22 Sec. 4. In order to fulfill its duties, the Legislature's
23 Planning Committee may:

24 (1) Hold public hearings;

25 (2) Obtain data and information from state agencies and
26 private entities that contract with the state;

27 (3) Contract for assistance, including consultants, with

- 1 the approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council; and
- 2 (4) Exercise any other authority or powers as granted
- 3 from time to time by the executive board.