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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to highways and roads; to create the Snow
- 2 Removal Advisory Committee; to provide duties; to provide
- 3 a termination date; and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Snow Removal Advisory Committee is
2 created. The committee shall examine the best practices that could
3 be utilized to prevent snow from gathering on state and county
4 roads in order to decrease the costs and public safety hazards
5 associated with large winter storms.

6 (2) The committee shall consist of the following members
7 appointed by the Governor:

8 (a) The Director of Agriculture or his or her designee;

9 (b) The Director-State Engineer or his or her designee;

10 and

11 (c) One county highway superintendent from each of the
12 eight districts of the State Highway Commission designated in
13 section 39-1102.

14 The committee shall convene within thirty days after the
15 appointment of the members is complete to elect a chairperson and
16 to conduct such other business as deemed necessary.

17 (3) The committee shall develop recommendations on the
18 following:

19 (a) The removal of brush and trees from road
20 rights-of-way;

21 (b) The use of crops to create snow fences to prevent the
22 gathering of snow on roads;

23 (c) The use of fall tillage practices which have an
24 impact on the collection of snow on roads;

25 (d) The planting of trees to create living snow fences;

1 (e) The construction of additional artificial snow
2 fences;

3 (f) The use of road and ditch construction practices
4 which stop blowing snow before it reaches the road; and

5 (g) The use of incentives to be paid to property owners
6 by the state or county to accomplish these goals, and what kind of
7 incentives to use.

8 (4) The committee shall prepare and submit a report of
9 its findings and recommendations to the Agriculture Committee of
10 the Legislature and to the Transportation and Telecommunications
11 Committee of the Legislature on or before December 1, 2010.

12 (5) The members of the committee shall serve without
13 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
14 expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

15 (6) This section terminates on December 31, 2010.

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