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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine energy efficiency. Greater energy efficiency can provide many benefits, including the following: (1) Reduction of pollution and other environmental impacts associated with the production, generation, and use of electricity, natural gas, and oil; (2) increasing the reliability of electricity systems by reducing the strain on the electrical grid during peak demand periods, which can also reduce or delay the need for new power plants, power transmission lines, and power distribution upgrades; (3) improving national security by reducing dependence on oil and other resources from other countries, particularly from areas that are politically unstable or hostile toward the United States; (4) reduction in the amount of money required to heat, cool, and light buildings and operate motor vehicles; and (5) improving the economy of the state and its communities by reducing money sent out-of-state to pay for energy costs. The State of Nebraska and its political subdivisions should have the most up-to-date information on current energy usage and energy efficiency measures that are available and being utilized. The issues to be addressed by this study shall include, but are not limited to:

- (1) A review of methods of determining energy usage by

the state and its political subdivisions;

(2) A review of effective energy efficiency methods currently being used in the state by state agencies, political subdivisions, including school districts, and Nebraska's public power districts;

(3) A review of studies of energy efficiency being conducted by academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska;

(4) A review of effective energy efficiency methods being utilized in other states;

(5) A review of methods of providing funding for energy efficiency projects, including how to best utilize federal stimulus money;

(6) A review of any other topics deemed necessary for a complete examination of this issue; and

(7) A recommendation for any legislation needed to accomplish the goals of energy efficiency, including any legislation necessary to utilize federal stimulus money.

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