

One Hundred First Legislature - Second Session - 2010 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB 885

Chairperson: Chris Langemeier
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: January 28, 2010

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 885 combines the State Energy Office and the Nebraska Oil and Gas Commission into the Nebraska Energy Commission.

The Commission will be an independent agency overseen by the three existing members of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and two new members. One of the new members must have experience in renewable energy production and the other must have experience in energy conservation. Like the other members of the existing Commission, these two new commissioners will be appointed by the Governor.

The Nebraska Energy Commission will be tasked with all the duties for which the State Energy Office and the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission are currently responsible. The bill also transfers all assets, employees, rules, and regulations from the existing agencies to the new Nebraska Energy Commission.

Principal Introducer:	
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