

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1087

Introduced by Natural Resources

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

3 Section 1. (1) The Natural Gas Fuel Board is hereby
4 established to advise the State Energy Office regarding the
5 promotion of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel in Nebraska.
6 The board shall provide recommendations relating to:

7 (a) Distribution, infrastructure, and workforce
8 development for natural gas to be used as a motor vehicle fuel;

9 (b) Loans, grants, and tax incentives to encourage the
10 use of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel for individuals and
11 public and private fleets; and

12 (c) Such other matters as it deems appropriate.

13 (2) The board shall consist of eight members appointed by
14 the Governor. The Governor shall make the initial appointments by
15 October 1, 2012. The board shall include:

16 (a) One member representing a jurisdictional utility as
17 defined in section 66-1802;

18 (b) One member representing a metropolitan utilities
19 district;

20 (c) One member representing the interests of the
21 transportation industry in this state;

22 (d) One member representing the interests of the business
23 community in this state, specifically fueling station owners or

1 operators;

2 (e) One member representing natural gas marketers or
3 pipelines in the state;

4 (f) One member representing automobile dealerships or
5 repair businesses in the state;

6 (g) One member representing labor interests in the state;

7 and

8 (h) One member representing environmental interests in
9 the state, specifically air quality.

10 (3) All appointments shall be subject to the approval of
11 a majority of the members of the Legislature if the Legislature
12 is in session, and if the Legislature is not in session, any
13 appointment to fill a vacancy shall be temporary until the next
14 session of the Legislature, at which time a majority of the members
15 of the Legislature may approve or disapprove such appointment.

16 (4) Members shall be appointed for terms of four years,
17 except that of the initial appointees the terms of the member
18 representing a jurisdictional utility and a metropolitan utilities
19 district shall expire on September 30, 2015, the terms of the
20 members representing the transportation industry, the business
21 community, natural gas marketers or pipelines, and automobile
22 dealerships or repair businesses shall expire on September 30,
23 2014, and the terms of the members representing labor and
24 environmental interests shall expire on September 30, 2013. Members
25 may be reappointed. A member shall serve until a successor is
26 appointed and qualified.

27 (5) A vacancy on the board shall exist in the event of

1 death, disability, resignation, or removal for cause of a member.
2 Any vacancy on the board arising other than from the expiration of
3 a term shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of
4 the term. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made by the
5 Governor with the approval of a majority of the Legislature, and
6 any person so appointed shall have the same qualifications as the
7 person whom he or she succeeds.

8 (6) The board shall meet at least once annually.

9 (7) The members shall not be reimbursed for expenses
10 associated with carrying out their duties as members.

11 (8) The State Energy Office shall provide administrative
12 support to the board as necessary so that the board may carry out
13 its duties.