

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB580**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 25, 2011  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Haar  
**One Liner:** Create the Energy Auditor Advisory Board

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Ken Haar  
Ken Winston  
Randy Schantell

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Sierra Club  
SWT Energy, Inc.

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Ginger Willson

**Representing:**

Nebraska Energy Office

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 580 would have created the Energy Auditor Advisory Board.

Section 1 creates the Energy Auditor Advisory Board whose members shall include the Director of the State Energy Office and four members appointed by the Governor. The four appointees are to represent public power, organized labor, be an energy auditor, and be a contractor or industry representative. They would serve three-year terms, reappointed no more than three terms, and would be reimbursed for expenses.

Section 2 requires the board to meet within 30 days of appointment and elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer for two-year terms. Requires meetings at least once every six months or as called by the chairperson or majority of the board. Requires the State Energy Office to provide administrative support.

Section 3 creates duties for the board, which include: discussing policy and procedures through a public forum at least once annually; keeping minutes and records; serving as an advisory panel to the State Energy Office; developing a website listing energy auditors; applying for and accepting grants; and adopting rules and regulations.

Section 4 creates the Energy Auditor Advisory Board Fund, for amounts collected in the administration of this bill.

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Chris Langemeier, Chairperson