

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 261

Introduced by Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study how Nebraska's public power utilities can partner with private energy efficiency companies to offer "On Bill Pay." "On Bill Pay" is a process in which a consumer contracts with an energy service company (ESCO) to audit, finance, and manage energy efficiency. The ESCO retains all the risks, and the contract is paid by energy savings by the end user through his or her utility bill. The utility is the pass-through organization, is paid a fee for the service, and is not responsible for unpaid bills on the energy efficiency project. The committee should look at examples of this practice working in Nebraska and other states and examine ways to make it available to all Nebraskans. In order to carry out the purpose of the resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons and organizations, including energy efficiency businesses, public power providers, and others.

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