

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR455**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday March 08, 2016  
**Committee On:** Executive Board  
**Introducer:** Haar  
**One Liner:** Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to examine issues related to the impacts of climate change on the State of Nebraska

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

Report to the Legislature for further consideration with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	8	Senators Campbell, Chambers, Coash, Hadley, Krist, Larson, Murante, Watermeier
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Hughes

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Ken Haar  
Ali Khan  
David Corbin  
Bronchae Brown  
Art Tanderup  
Steven Kryger  
Akshat Saraf  
Kenneth Deffenbecher  
Joe Higgs  
Liz Veazey  
Jon Traudt  
John Pollack  
John Stkeison  
Eric Williams  
Catharine Carne  
Chelsea Johnson  
James Cavanaugh  
Kyria Spooner  
Scott Williams

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
Public Health Association of NE  
Self  
Self  
Self  
Self  
Nebraskans for Solar  
Omaha Together One Community  
Self  
Self  
Self  
EnergyLine  
Nebraskans for Solar  
Verdis Group  
NE League of Conservation Voters  
Nebraska Sierra Club  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

James Erixson

**Representing:**

Nebraska Forest Service

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

LR455 creates a special committee to examine issues related to the impacts of climate change on the State of

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Nebraska, including assessments of vulnerability, risks, and economic impacts. The committee will also examine opportunities, including methods of producing food, generating power, or protecting land and water that can be used to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change and that will provide jobs and economic benefits to Nebraskans.

The committee would consist of:

The chairperson of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee;  
The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee;  
The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee;  
The chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee;  
The chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee; and  
Two at-large members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The committee members select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the membership of the committee.

The committee is tasked with several duties, including establishing a framework for a plan for the State of Nebraska related to the impacts of climate change on the state. This plan, together with the committee's findings and recommendations, are to be submitted to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2016.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment changes the membership of the special committee to include the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee or his or her designee, and five at-large members of the Legislature to be appointed by the Executive Board.

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Bob Krist, Chairperson