

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study public power in Nebraska and to examine:

(1) The effect of retail electricity competition in states that have made the transition away from public power;

(2) Electricity markets in other Regional Transmission Organizations and how they compare with the Southwest Power Pool, which includes Nebraska. The study will also review the role and jurisdiction of the Southwest Power Pool and how Nebraska's participation has affected ratepayers;

(3) The role, jurisdiction, and relationship of the Southwest Power Pool, the Nebraska Power Review Board, the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and local governments in the development, generation, transmission, and delivery of electricity in the state; and

(4) The role of public power and of renewable energy in economic development in the state, including strengths and areas in need of improvement.

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