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Committee: Executive Board

WHEREAS, the One Hundred Fourth Legislature established the LR 455 special committee to examine issues related to the impacts of climate change on the state and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the LR 455 special committee created a framework for a climate action plan for the state; and

WHEREAS, the LR 455 special committee recommended further review of study topics; and

WHEREAS, the LR 455 special committee found universal support for the need for an evidence-based, data-driven state climate action plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. The Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall appoint a special committee to develop a climate action plan. The committee shall consist of the following members who shall serve for the duration of the One Hundred Fifth Legislature:

(a) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee;

(b) The chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee; and

(c) Five at-large members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

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

3. The special committee shall examine issues related to carbon emissions reduction, energy, and future technologies and the potential for funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

4. The special committee shall develop a climate action plan based upon its examination of such issues and the framework developed by the LR 455 special committee.

5. The special committee shall electronically submit an update of the findings and recommendations of the LR 455 special committee to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2017, and a proposed climate action plan on or before December 31, 2018.