

AMENDMENTS TO LB283

Introduced by Vargas, 7.

1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. The Legislature finds that:

3 (1) Pests, drought, floods, high winds, and other extreme weather
4 events present serious, diverse, and ongoing issues for Nebraska. Many
5 sectors and resources are impacted by such extreme weather, including
6 agriculture, water, health care, energy generation and usage, ecosystems,
7 forestry, rural and urban communities, transportation, and commerce and
8 industry. Nebraska's life-giving water and soil resources continue to be
9 subject to new stressors and risks;

10 (2) Opportunities exist for the people of Nebraska to respond
11 appropriately to these risks, including economic opportunities through
12 development of renewable energy from our abundant wind and solar
13 resources, biofuels, and nuclear power, through reduction of pollutants,
14 through efforts to reduce the use of fossil fuels, through strengthened
15 private property rights by having public input on infrastructure and
16 reduced eminent domain use, and through development of new technologies,
17 new agricultural crops and harvesting methods, and new products that
18 match Nebraska's vibrant and changing needs and resources;

19 (3) The report Understanding and Assessing Climate Change:
20 Implications for Nebraska, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2014, provides
21 a fundamental basis for understanding the impacts of extreme weather
22 events or climate change for our state;

23 (4) The 2015 Nebraska Rural Poll found that sixty-one percent of
24 rural Nebraskans agree or strongly agree that the state should develop a
25 plan to address the impacts of extreme weather events or climate change;

26 (5) Appropriate planning is needed to develop strategies to mitigate
27 and adapt to the impacts of extreme weather events or climate change on

1 the health and well-being of Nebraskans;

2 (6) The state must invest in research and data gathering, planning,
3 education, and coordination of efforts related to mitigation of and
4 adaptation to the impacts of extreme weather events or climate change;
5 and

6 (7) An effective plan to meet the challenges of extreme weather
7 events or climate change will enable the state and its communities to
8 take advantage of opportunities resulting from adaptation and mitigation
9 strategies, including attracting new businesses and investment to
10 Nebraska, as well as reducing the potential negative impacts of extreme
11 weather events or climate change.

12 2. On page 3, line 28, after "impacts" insert "of extreme weather
13 events or" and after "change" insert an underscored comma.

14 3. On page 5, line 5, strike "Waste Reduction and Recycling
15 Incentive" and insert "Petroleum Release Remedial Action Collection".