

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1405

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Introduced by Public Power Interim Study Committee, Terry Carpenter, 48th District, Chairman; David Stahmer, 8th District; Eugene T. Mahoney, 5th District; Herb Nore, 22nd District; C. W. Holmquist, 16th District; Glenn A. Goodrich, 20th District; Otho G. Kime, 43rd District

AN ACT to create a Regional Radiation Health Center to provide medical care and treatment of radiation casualties; to authorize the University of Nebraska Medical Center to develop and supervise such facility; to develop related educational programs; to appropriate funds; and to provide additional financing.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. There is hereby created a Regional Radiation Health Center, to be developed within the University of Nebraska Medical Center Hospital and supervised by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, for the purpose of offering: (1) Specialized medical and related services for evaluation, treatment, and management of radiation casualties; (2) routine medical, radiation protection, consultation, and associated services to nuclear-oriented facilities and industry generally associated with radiation sources; and (3) educational programs for nuclear safety, with emphasis on preventive medical and radiologic protection in industry.

Regional Radiation Health Center facilities and services may also be utilized for the care and treatment of patients other than radiation casualties whenever such facilities are not being fully utilized for radiation casualties.

Sec. 2. In order to carry out the purposes for which it is established, the Regional Radiation Health Center shall: (1) Employ professional medical and allied health personnel for the diagnosis and treatment of radiation casualties; (2) acquire appropriate instrumentation and equipment to support the unique aspects of diagnosis and treatment of radiation injury; (3) develop specialized patient care facilities for initial receiving, evaluation, decontamination and emergency treatment of radiation casualties; (4) specialized patient care facilities for long-term

in-patient management of radiation injury; and (5) any appropriate support facilities to assist the comprehensive management of radiation injury.

Any of the facilities and services provided for in subdivisions (1) to (5) of this section may be applied to the care and treatment of patients other than radiation casualties whenever not being fully utilized for radiation casualties.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the University of Nebraska Medical Center the sum of eighty thousand dollars for the purpose of developing the Regional Radiation Health Center described in sections 1 and 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. Upon the payment of eighty thousand dollars to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the development of the Regional Radiation Health Center described in sections 1 and 2 of this act, a public power district owning a nuclear electric generating plant in Nebraska shall have the right to refer patients to the Regional Radiation Health Center and obtain services at cost, and no public power district shall operate a nuclear electric generating plant in Nebraska without obtaining such right.