

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB227**

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**Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 24, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

In 2008, the Nebraska Energy Office began the process of updating the State Energy Plan, which was created in 1992. An interim energy plan was released in December 2008, but the final version of the plan has not yet been released.

LB 227 seeks to codify the State Energy Plan as a state energy assessment. Beginning July 1, 2012, the Nebraska Energy Office would be required to develop a specific and long-range assessment of the energy needs of the state and assign priorities for such needs. Under LB 227, the state energy assessment must be updated every two years, and must be presented to the appropriate standing committee of the Legislature for their review on or before December 1 each even-numbered year.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Heath Mello**