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LEGISLATIVE BILL 352

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Committee: Natural Resources

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to adopt the Wind, Solar, and

2 Fuel Cell Business Financing Act.

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

1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 3 of this act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the Wind, Solar, and Fuel Cell Business Financing Act.

3 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that:

4 (1) There is a great deal of public interest in growing solar energy
5 development in Nebraska;

6 (2) Solar energy can provide numerous benefits, including:

7 (a) Reducing reliance on fossil fuels;

8 (b) Locking in generation costs for years to come;

9 (c) Providing energy at times of peak demand;

10 (d) Helping homeowners and businesses reduce their energy bills; and

11 (e) Keeping utility dollars in the community;

12 (3) Regulatory provisions that are confusing or burdensome can deter
13 solar development;

14 (4) Simplification and standardization of application procedures can
15 stimulate solar development; and

16 (5) An online application process can save time and human resources
17 and therefore save taxpayer dollars, all while driving new revenue into
18 Nebraska.

19 Sec. 3. (1) The State Energy Office shall create a standard and
20 simple online version of Form 20, Wind, Solar, and Fuel Cell Application
21 that can be completed and submitted electronically by an applicant.

22 (2) The State Energy Office shall also create easily accessible
23 online templates, to be used as models for wind, solar, and fuel cell
24 customers and development businesses, so that such customers and
25 businesses can clearly understand the information required by Form 20.