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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to energy audits; to state intent; to require
2 the state and its political subdivisions to conduct and
3 report an energy audit.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Legislature finds that improved energy
2 efficiency by the state and its political subdivisions would result
3 in economic, health, and environmental benefits including, but not
4 limited to, the following:

5 (1) The reduction of the amount of tax dollars required
6 to heat, cool, and light public buildings and operate motor
7 vehicles;

8 (2) An increase in the reliability of electricity systems
9 by the reduction of the strain on the electrical grid during peak
10 demand periods;

11 (3) The reduction or delay in the need for new power
12 plants, power transmission lines, and power distribution upgrades;

13 (4) The improvement of national security by the reduction
14 of the dependence on oil and other resources from other countries,
15 particularly from areas that are politically unstable or hostile
16 toward the United States; and

17 (5) The reduction of pollution and the resulting
18 health and environmental impacts associated with the production,
19 generation, and use of electricity, natural gas, and oil and their
20 byproducts.

21 Sec. 2. To attain greater energy efficiency, every
22 agency, department, and commission and every political subdivision
23 of the State of Nebraska shall conduct an audit of its energy
24 usage. Such audit shall examine the following:

25 (1) Methods of reducing energy usage by such agency,

1 department, commission, or political subdivision;

2 (2) The costs of implementing such energy efficiency
3 measures;

4 (3) The projected benefits, including long-term cost
5 reductions, from such energy efficiencies; and

6 (4) Whether there are alternative energy resources that
7 may be used in combination with energy efficiencies to provide
8 further benefits.

9 Sec. 3. A report of each audit conducted under section
10 2 of this act shall be provided to the Clerk of the Legislature
11 on or before December 31, 2007. Entities required to conduct such
12 an audit are authorized to seek technical assistance from public
13 utilities, the Nebraska Energy Office, the University of Nebraska,
14 and other available resources.