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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Library; to create a
2 task force; to provide powers and duties; to provide a
3 termination date; and to declare an emergency.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Nebraska State Library Task Force
2 shall consist of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or his or
3 her designee, the State Librarian of the State Library or his or
4 her designee, the Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society
5 or his or her designee, the director of the Nebraska Library
6 Commission or his or her designee, the State Capitol Administrator
7 or his or her designee, and one member of the Legislature appointed
8 by the Executive Board of the Legislature no later than June 1,
9 2008. The Executive Board shall appoint the chairperson of the task
10 force from the membership of the task force.

11 (2) The duties of the task force shall include, but not
12 be limited to:

13 (a) Evaluate the condition of the Capitol structural
14 space occupied by the State Library and offer recommendations for
15 conservation, restoration, and improvement of that space;

16 (b) Evaluate the condition of State Library furnishings
17 and fixtures and offer recommendations for conservation,
18 restoration, or replacement of furnishings and fixtures;

19 (c) Evaluate the heating, ventilating, air conditioning,
20 and any other environmental controls relating to the State Library
21 in terms of its adequacy to appropriately ensure the preservation
22 of materials held in the library's collection and recommend any
23 related improvements that may be viably undertaken within the
24 larger context of environmental controls for the Capitol;

25 (d) Prioritize and estimate costs for recommendations

1 relating to subdivisions (a) through (c) of this subsection;

2 (e) Evaluate alternative storage for rare and
3 irreplaceable materials within the library's collection and make
4 related recommendations;

5 (f) Recommend a process for identification of rare and
6 irreplaceable materials of particular importance to the State of
7 Nebraska within the library's collection, recommend the means for
8 digital reproduction and storage of, as well as access to, these
9 materials, and estimate costs for such recommendations; and

10 (g) Study and identify any funding sources alternative
11 to the General Fund that may be available to support any
12 recommendations of the task force, but particularly those
13 recommendations relating to digital reproduction and storage of
14 materials within the library's collection.

15 (3) The task force may gather information from interested
16 parties through public hearings and other appropriate means to
17 assure ample opportunities for input from many sources to be
18 received for consideration.

19 (4) The task force shall complete its work and issue
20 a final report outlining its findings and recommendations to the
21 Supreme Court, the Governor, the Nebraska Capitol Commission, and
22 the Legislature no later than December 15, 2008.

23 (5) The Legislative Council shall provide administrative
24 support to the task force and shall be responsible for production
25 and distribution of the final report. Members of the task force

1 shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses
2 incurred while serving as members of the task force as provided in
3 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

4 (6) This section terminates on December 31, 2008.

5 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
6 when passed and approved according to law.