

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1057

Introduced by Natural Resources.

1           1. On page 2, strike beginning with "(1)" in line  
2 1 through line 25 and insert "(1) The Republican River Basin  
3 Water Sustainability Task Force is created. The task force  
4 shall consist of twenty-one voting members and, except for the  
5 state agency representatives, shall be residents representing a  
6 cross-section of the Republican River basin. The Governor shall  
7 appoint two representatives from each natural resource district in  
8 the basin; four representatives from the irrigation districts in  
9 the basin; one representative each from the University of Nebraska  
10 Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Game and Parks  
11 Commission, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of  
12 Natural Resources; one representative each from a school district,  
13 a city, a county, and a public power district in the basin;  
14 and two representatives from agriculture-related businesses in  
15 the Republican basin. The chairperson of the Executive Board of  
16 the Legislative Council shall appoint three ex officio, nonvoting  
17 members from the Legislature, two of whom are residents of the  
18 basin and one who is the chairperson of the Natural Resources  
19 Committee of the Legislature. For administrative and budgetary  
20 purposes only, the task force shall be housed within the Department  
21 of Natural Resources. Additional advisory support may be requested  
22 from appropriate federal and state agencies. Members of the task  
23 force who are not state employees shall be reimbursed for their

1 actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties  
2 as members as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

3 (2) The task force shall meet no less than quarterly  
4 and shall hire a trained facilitator to conduct its meetings. The  
5 purposes of the task force are to define water sustainability for  
6 the Republican River basin, develop and recommend a plan to help  
7 reach water sustainability in the basin, and develop and recommend  
8 a plan to help avoid a water-short year in the basin."

9 2. On page 3, strike beginning with "ensure" in line 1  
10 through the period in line 3; and in line 12 strike "shall".