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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to energy conservation; to provide energy  
2 conservation standards for certain state buildings; and  
3 to provide duties for certain state agencies.  
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The State Energy Office in consultation  
2 with the State Building Administrator of the Department of  
3 Administrative Services shall adopt and publish energy conservation  
4 standards for construction of all new capital projects, including  
5 buildings designed and constructed by school districts, community  
6 college areas, and the University of Nebraska. These standards  
7 shall be consistent with the recommended energy conservation  
8 standards of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and  
9 Air Conditioning Engineers and the most recent edition of the  
10 International Energy Conservation Code specified pursuant to  
11 section 72-804.

12           (2) The standards shall be adopted to achieve energy  
13 conservation and shall allow for design flexibility.

14           (3) The following state agencies and political  
15 subdivisions shall reduce energy use in public buildings that they  
16 administer by ten percent per square foot of floor area on or  
17 before July 1, 2014, and by fifteen percent per square foot of  
18 floor area on or before July 1, 2017, using July 1, 2007, through  
19 June 20, 2008, as the baseline year:

20           (a) The Department of Administrative Services for its  
21 building systems;

22           (b) The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska  
23 for its building systems;

24           (c) The Department of Roads for its building systems;

25           (d) The Department of Motor Vehicles for its building

1 systems; and

2 (e) The Community College Board of Governors for each  
3 community college area for its building systems.

4 (4) The State Energy Office shall provide technical  
5 assistance to the state agencies and political subdivisions  
6 prescribed in subsection (3) of this section. On or before July  
7 1 of each year, the State Energy Office shall measure compliance  
8 with subsection (3) of this section, compile the results of that  
9 monitoring, and report to the Legislature as to the progress of  
10 attaining the goals prescribed in subsection (3) of this section.  
11 The State Energy Office shall include in its report an explanation  
12 of the reasons for any failure to achieve energy reductions in  
13 specific building systems as prescribed in subsection (3) of this  
14 section.

15 (5) All state agencies shall procure energy-efficient  
16 products that are certified by the United States Department  
17 of Energy or the United States Environmental Protection Agency  
18 as Energy Star or that are certified under the Federal Energy  
19 Management Program in all categories that are available unless the  
20 products are shown not to be cost-effective on a life-cycle cost  
21 basis, as such certification requirements existed on January 1,  
22 2009.