

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 557

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine what actions the State of Nebraska needs to take to meet the United States Department of Defense's mandate that, by 2020, at least twenty percent of the department's energy demand come from renewable sources, at least twenty-five percent of the total energy consumed by the United States Army come from renewable sources, and that at least twenty-five percent of United States Air Force facilities' energy consumption come from renewable or alternative sources. The study shall also examine what actions the State of Nebraska needs to take to meet the department's requirement that all new buildings are designed to achieve zero net energy by 2030.

The study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) Whether Nebraska needs to take any steps to assist Offutt Air Force Base in meeting these requirements;

(2) Any difficulties the Nebraska National Guard may have in complying with these requirements;

(3) The backlog of maintenance and repair projects that challenge the Nebraska National Guard's ability to meet these requirements;

(4) All military buildings and structures that are funded with help from the State of Nebraska and the possible cost of bringing such buildings and structures into compliance;

(5) Whether performance energy audits are a valuable tool in identifying priorities to achieve greater efficiencies; and

(6) Possible funding mechanisms to pay for the renewable technologies mandated by the Department of Defense requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.