

# One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

**LR455**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bob Krist**

**Committee: Executive Board**

**Date of Hearing: March 08, 2016**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LR 455 would establish a special committee to create a framework for a plan related to climate change, including:

Assessments of vulnerability, risks and economic impacts.

Opportunities, including methods of producing food, generating power, or protecting land and water that can be used to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The committee shall: Gather, share, examine and analyze data and information related to climate change; Examine laws, policies and planning efforts related to climate change in other states; and current laws, programs and policies in Nebraska; Examine funding opportunities including grant programs; and

Establish a framework for a plan for the State of Nebraska related to the impacts of climate change that includes: a. Measurable goals and b. Recommendations for new policies and changes to policies and programs that support the goals, including funding needs and recommendations for legislation.

The committee shall seek information and encourage participation from state agencies, political subdivisions, educational institutions, academic experts, advocacy organizations and members of the public. This may include one or more public hearings.

The committee would submit a framework for a climate plan with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2016.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Ken Haar