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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1099

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Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to create the
- 2 Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group; to provide duties for the
- 3 Department of Economic Development; to state intent regarding
- 4 appropriations; and to declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) On or before May 1, 2022, the Department of Economic
2 Development shall create the Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group.
3 The Director of Economic Development shall appoint members to the work
4 group that include, but are not limited to, representatives from the
5 following sectors: (a) Manufacturing or industry, (b) agriculture, (c)
6 transportation, and (e) energy. The work group should also include a
7 representative of a clean hydrogen manufacturer.

8 (2) The purpose of the work group is to develop and draft a
9 competitive proposal for submission to the United States Department of
10 Energy to be selected as one of the four regional clean hydrogen hubs
11 authorized under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,
12 Public Law 117-58.

13 (3) The Department of Economic Development may contract with private
14 consultants to create the competitive proposal. Specifically, the work
15 group shall determine how to maximize the state's geographic location to
16 connect a nationwide hydrogen network. Additionally, the work group shall
17 build a plan to make the case for an agricultural-based clean hydrogen
18 hub, expanding the existing eligible purposes.

19 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate XXXX dollars
20 for the purpose of carrying out this section.

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