

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 216

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the economic and climate impacts of the current reliance on fossil fuel energy generation in Nebraska and the economic opportunities available in Nebraska for developing renewable energy sources. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An analysis and evaluation of the short-term and long-term costs, health impacts, climate impacts, and economic risks of fossil fuel energy generation, including the assessment of any existing statistical evidence relating to such costs and risks;

(2) A determination of whether the current use of fossil fuels in energy generation in Nebraska threatens the ability of power suppliers in the state to maintain existing affordability while increasing baseload generation sufficient to meet the energy needs of Nebraska consumers; and

(3) An analysis and evaluation of the economic benefits and opportunities for the State of Nebraska and local political subdivisions in developing renewable energy generation facilities such as wind, solar, hydroelectric, hydrogen, small modular nuclear reactor, and battery storage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources 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.