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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Jacobson, 42; at the request of the Governor.

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Committee: Revenue

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cryptocurrency mining; to define terms; to
- 2 provide powers and duties for public power suppliers; to allow
- 3 public power suppliers to impose requirements on cryptocurrency
- 4 mining operations for the costs of certain infrastructure upgrades;
- 5 and to provide an operative date.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1       **Section 1.** (1) For purposes of this section:

2       (a) Cryptocurrency mining means validating transactions for addition  
3 to a blockchain distributed ledger;

4       (b) Cryptocurrency mining operation means any facility of one  
5 megawatt in size or greater that conducts cryptocurrency mining; and

6       (c) Public power supplier means a public power district, municipal  
7 electric utility, or any other government entity providing electric  
8 service.

9       (2) A public power supplier may impose requirements on any  
10 cryptocurrency mining operation for the cost of infrastructure upgrades  
11 necessitated by such operations, including, but not limited to:

12       (a) Requiring direct payment or a letter of credit from such  
13 operation for such cost; or

14       (b) Imposing terms and conditions on such operation.

15       (3) Requirements imposed pursuant to this section shall be fair,  
16 reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory.

17       (4) Before any requirement is imposed pursuant to this section, the  
18 public power supplier shall conduct a load study to determine the costs,  
19 impacts, and infrastructure upgrades necessitated by the cryptocurrency  
20 mining operation.

21       (5) Any person intending to install a cryptocurrency mining  
22 operation is responsible for notifying the local public power supplier of  
23 such intent, and such operation is subject to the interconnection  
24 requirements of such supplier.

25       (6) Each public power supplier shall make available to the public on  
26 the supplier's website the number of cryptocurrency mining operations  
27 under the jurisdiction of the supplier and the annual energy usage of  
28 each operation.

29       (7) A cryptocurrency mining operation shall allow a public power  
30 supplier to interrupt such operation's electric service according to such  
31 supplier's established rate schedules and policies.

1       **Sec. 2.** This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.