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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1003

Chairperson: Senator Mike Jacobson

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

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

LB1003 is a consumer protection bill for those wanting to purchase a renewable energy system and/or battery storage system. The bill protects consumers in the following ways:

Section 1 of the bill identifies the bill as the Renewable Energy Consumer Protection Act.

Section 2 of the bill provides the reasons for the Act.

Section 3 of the bill defines the terms of the Act.

Section 4 of the bill requires a renewable energy sales company to disclose essential information about the renewable energy system and/or battery storage system to the consumer at least 30 days in advance of the sale.

Section 5 of the bill requires a renewable energy sales company to include key contract terms about the renewable energy system and/or battery storage system in the sales contract.

Section 6 of the bill requires financing documents to be written in clear and conspicuous language.

Section 7 of the bill ensures that the renewable energy sales company remains responsible for the compliance of an independent contractor who is employed as a salesperson by the renewable energy sales company.

Section 8 of the bill prohibits a renewable energy sales company from using the name, logo, pictures, or other digital material of an electric utility for the promotion of sales without written permission from the electric utility company.

Section 9 of the bill requires the renewable energy sales company and the sales person to keep all signed agreements pertaining to the sale of a renewable energy system and/or battery storage system for a period of at least ten years.

Section 10 of the bill requires the renewable energy sales company, the salesman, or a designated representative of the company to make a welcome call to the purchaser within three days after the sale of a renewable energy system or battery storage system.

Section 11 of the bill requires a renewable energy sales company to provide the consumer of a renewable energy system or battery storage system with: A five year or more warranty against roof damage due to installation, a five year or more warranty for defects in workmanship, and a long-term maintenance plan.

Section 12 of the bill stipulates that any violation of the Renewable Energy Consumer Protection Act shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Section 13 of the bill requires electric utility companies that offer financial incentives for renewable energy systems and/or battery storage systems to disclose on the company's website information about the availability of incentives, remaining revenue available for such incentive programs, and the process for applying for such financial incentives.

Section 14 of the bill requires a renewable energy sales company to register the business with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

Section 15 of the bill requires any installer of a renewable energy system and/or battery storage system to be a licensed electrical contractor in the State of Nebraska and that a relevant permit be first obtained by the local municipality or the State of Nebraska.

Section 16 of the bill directs the Nebraska State Electrical Board to adopt and promulgate rules for the licensing and bonding of any person wishing to install a renewable energy system and/or battery storage system.

Section 17 adds the Renewable Energy Consumer Protection Act to the list of deceptive trade practices contained in Nebraska State Statute 87-302.

Section 18 of the bill sets the operative date for the bill at January 1, 2027.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Glen Meyer