

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 178

Introduced by Brewer, 43; Bostelman, 23; Moser, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility of constructing and operating small modular nuclear reactors to generate electric power in Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska needs sustainable nuclear power generation to augment fossil fuel and renewable energy generation of electric energy. Nuclear power generation of electric energy helps lower carbon emissions and eliminate greenhouse gases. A nuclear power plant with a small modular reactor can be housed in a retrofitted or converted existing fossil fuel power plant.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall create a select interim committee, to be known as the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Study Committee, shall be designated as provided in this resolution to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the members of the select committee shall include the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, and three additional members of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

3. The select committee shall elect a chairperson from the membership of the committee. The Executive Board may provide the select committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff required by the select

committee from existing legislative staff. The select committee shall hold meetings or public hearings at the call of and at locations selected by the chairperson. The select committee shall seek input from expert and interested sources, including representatives of the Nebraska Power Review Board and the public power industry in this state.

4. That the select committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.