

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 583

Introduced by Murante, 49, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. Section 2-4902, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5           2-4902 The Climate Assessment Response Committee shall:

6           (1) Provide timely and systematic data collection,  
7 analysis, and dissemination of information about drought and other  
8 severe climate occurrences to the Governor and to other interested  
9 persons;

10          (2) Provide the Governor and other interested persons  
11 with information and advice relevant to requests for federal  
12 disaster declarations and to the use of funds and other types of  
13 assistance available to the state because of such declarations;

14          (3) Establish criteria for startup and shutdown of  
15 various assessment and response activities by state and federal  
16 agencies during drought and other climate-related emergencies;

17          (4) Provide an organizational structure that assures  
18 information flow and defines the duties and responsibilities of all  
19 agencies during times of drought and climate-related emergencies;

20          (5) Maintain a current inventory of state and federal  
21 agency responsibilities in assessing and responding to drought and  
22 other climate-related emergencies;

23          (6) Provide a mechanism for the improvement of methods of

1 assessing impacts of drought on agriculture and industry;

2 (7) Provide such other coordination and communication  
3 among federal and state agencies as is deemed appropriate by such  
4 committee; and

5 (8) Provide the Governor and other interested persons  
6 with information and research on the impacts of cyclical climate  
7 change in Nebraska, including impacts on physical, ecological,  
8 and economic areas, and attempt to anticipate the unintended  
9 consequences of climate adaptation and mitigation;

10 (9) Facilitate communication between stakeholders and  
11 the state about cyclical climate change impacts and response  
12 strategies;

13 (10) (a) By September 1, 2014, prepare an initial report  
14 on cyclical climate change in Nebraska which includes a synthesis  
15 and assessment of the state of knowledge on: Historical climate  
16 variability and change; climate projections; and possible impacts  
17 to key sectors of the state such as agriculture, water, wildlife,  
18 ecosystems, forests, and outdoor recreation. The report shall  
19 include key points and a summary of the findings; and

20 (b) By December 1, 2014, review such initial report and  
21 provide a final report to the Governor and electronically to the  
22 Legislature which includes key points, overarching recommendations,  
23 and options that emerge from the initial report; and

24 ~~(8)~~ (11) Perform such other climate-related assessment  
25 and response functions as are desired by the Governor.

26 Sec. 2. Original section 2-4902, Reissue Revised Statutes  
27 of Nebraska, is repealed.

1                   2. On page 1, strike beginning with "agriculture" in  
2 line 1 through line 6 and insert "the Climate Assessment Response  
3 Committee; to amend section 2-4902, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
4 Nebraska; to provide duties for the Climate Assessment Response  
5 Committee; and to repeal the original section."