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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB581

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: March 11, 2015

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

The intent of LB 581 is to create the Nebraska Clean-burning Motor Fuel Development Act, which would require the State Energy Office to offer a rebate for qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel means a hydrogen fuel cell, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas.

Two types of rebates would be offered: for motor vehicles with a model year of 2012 or later that is either converted to or was originally equipped to be propelled by a qualified cleanburning motor vehicle fuel, the rebate is the lesser of 50 percent of the cost of the property or \$4,500 for each motor vehicle; or for new property that is directly related to the compression and delivery of natural gas from a private home or residence for noncommercial purposes into a fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by natural gas the rebate is the lesser of 50 percent of the cost of the qualified property or \$2,500 for each qualified property.

LB 581 would also appropriate \$1 million to the rebate program for fiscal year 2015-16.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist