

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB653**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Gloor**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: March 06, 2015**

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

LB 653 creates an annual and short sales tax holiday limited to the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October. It is also limited to a maximum purchase of \$2500 of energy efficient products. These limits minimize the amount of sales taxes forfeited to encourage the significant resulting energy savings as a result of consumers replacing old and inefficient appliances with energy efficient products.

The products that qualify are clearly defined as: dishwashers, clothes washers, air conditioners, ceiling fans, fluorescent light bulbs, dehumidifiers, programmable thermostats, refrigerators and doors or windows that meet the energy efficiency guidelines set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy and are authorized to carry the Energy Star label.

Promoting energy efficiencies are needed for Nebraska to achieve a sustainable energy policy. Energy Star light bulbs use 70%-90% less energy and Energy Star appliances save hundreds of dollars over their useful life compared to non-certified products.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Jerry Johnson**