

HELLO, LEAGUE ACTIVISTS!!!

Please contact your state senator this week regarding LB 283, a bill for the University of Nebraska to conduct a climate change plan. This is a call for Nebraska to join 31 other states that already have climate change plans. Please make sure YOUR senator is on record in support of this important bill.

Details about LB 283:

LB 283 with amendment 2119 requests the University of Nebraska to create an effective plan to meet the challenges of extreme weather events (climate change) through adaptation and mitigation strategies, including attracting new business and investment to Nebraska, as well as reducing the potential negative impacts of such weather events or climate change.

What it will take to pass LB 283:

Thirty-three senators must support Senator McCollister, introducer of LB 283, in order for Speaker Scheer to schedule LB 283 for first round debate. There are 27 supporting senators at this time, so by July 20th, we need another six to eight senators to sign on. LB 283 was advanced to General File on February 19th and assigned Priority by Senator McCollister on February 21st.

Please contact your state senator as soon as possible regarding the Climate Change Plan with the following talking points:

Thousands of Nebraskans are still experiencing an ongoing economic and emotional toll from the floods of March, 2019. Nebraska must be prepared for future disasters.

An effective plan to address climate change plan will include economic opportunities for our state, for example, renewable energy development and projects, utilizing our state's abundant wind and solar resources.

Funding for the study would not come from the General Fund, but from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Collection. This relieves concern about drawing from the General Fund and a possible lack of revenue due to Covid19.

As usual, contact your senator by his or her email address, for example, amorfeld@leg.ne.gov, or by calling the state capitol switchboard at 402 471 2311. We would appreciate feedback from your contact.

Thank you for your activism!

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