

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 580**

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Committee: Natural Resources

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to energy; to create the Energy Auditor Advisory
- 2 Board; to provide powers and duties; and to create a
- 3 fund.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Energy Auditor Advisory Board is created.  
2 The board shall consist of the Director of the State Energy Office or  
3 his or her designee and four members appointed by the Governor. The  
4 appointed members shall be citizens of Nebraska and shall be  
5 appointed from each of the following categories:

6                   (1) Contractor or industry representative;

7                   (2) Public power;

8                   (3) Organized labor; and

9                   (4) Energy auditor.

10           Each appointed member shall serve for a term of three  
11 years, except that the Governor shall stagger the terms of the  
12 initial appointees so that one shall have a one-year term, two shall  
13 have two-year terms, and one shall have a three-year term. A member  
14 may be reappointed upon expiration of his or her term, but shall  
15 serve no more than three terms. Members shall be reimbursed for their  
16 actual and necessary expenses as provided for in sections 81-1174 to  
17 81-1177.

18           Sec. 2. Within thirty days after the appointment of the  
19 initial members of the Energy Auditor Advisory Board, the board shall  
20 conduct its first regular meeting. The board shall elect from among  
21 its membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and  
22 treasurer to serve for terms of two years from the date of election.  
23 Subsequent board meetings shall take place at least once every six  
24 months and at such times as called by the chairperson or a majority  
25 of board members. The State Energy Office shall provide

1 administrative support for the board.

2 Sec. 3. The Energy Auditor Advisory Board shall:

3 (1) Establish a public forum through which the energy  
4 efficiency industry has the opportunity, at least once annually, to  
5 discuss with the board its policies and procedures;

6 (2) Keep minutes of its meetings and other books and  
7 records which will clearly reflect all of the acts and transactions  
8 of the board and make these records available for examination upon  
9 request by members of the public;

10 (3) Serve as an advisory panel to the State Energy Office  
11 in all matters related to energy auditing;

12 (4) Develop a web site to be housed in the State Energy  
13 Office to list energy auditors who operate in the state and their  
14 nationally recognized certifications. The list will be provided for  
15 informational purposes and the state has no liability for the actions  
16 of individuals on this list. The board may establish reasonable fees  
17 and charge energy auditors who appear on the web site;

18 (5) Apply for and accept grants to carry out sections 1  
19 to 4 of this act; and

20 (6) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry  
21 out sections 1 to 4 of this act.

22 Sec. 4. The Energy Auditor Advisory Board Fund is  
23 created. All funds collected in the administration of sections 1 to 4  
24 of this act shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to  
25 the fund. Any money in the Energy Auditor Advisory Board Fund

1 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
2 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
3 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.