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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1053**

Introduced by Wishart, 27; Hansen, 26; Krist, 10; McDonnell, 5;  
Schumacher, 22; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7.

Read first time January 17, 2018

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend sections 50-1401,
- 2 50-1402, 50-1403, and 50-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 3 to provide for a ten-year strategic plan; to restate intent; to
- 4 provide powers and duties for the Legislature's Planning Committee;
- 5 to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 50-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 50-1401 The Legislature finds and declares that:

4 (1) State government has significant challenges to face. An ever-  
5 changing global economy, an aging population, outmigration of educated  
6 young people, and constantly expanding needs for services, among other  
7 issues, require that the Legislature consider the long-term trends and  
8 factors affecting the welfare of Nebraskans and the long-term  
9 implications of the decisions made by the members of the Legislature;

10 (2) It is necessary for the Legislature to identify emerging trends,  
11 assets, and challenges of the state;

12 (3) It is vital for Nebraska to have continuity in policy;

13 (4) It is necessary to establish a process of long-term state  
14 planning within the Legislature and to have a ten-year strategic plan for  
15 the State of Nebraska to guide such planning; and

16 (5) It is the duty of the Legislature to assess the long-range needs  
17 of Nebraska and to adopt legislation which meets those needs.

18 Sec. 2. Section 50-1402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 50-1402 The Legislature's Planning Committee is hereby established  
21 as a special legislative committee to exercise the authority and perform  
22 the duties provided in sections 50-1401 to 50-1404 ~~for in this section~~.

23 The committee shall be comprised of the Speaker of the Legislature, the  
24 chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, the  
25 chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and six  
26 other members of the Legislature to be chosen by the Executive Board of  
27 the Legislative Council. The executive board shall ensure that the  
28 Legislature's Planning Committee includes adequate geographic  
29 representation. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee  
30 shall be elected by majority vote of the committee. The committee shall  
31 be subject to all rules prescribed by the Legislature. The ~~initial~~

1 members of the committee shall be appointed ~~as soon as possible after May~~  
2 ~~14, 2009,~~ and thereafter the committee shall be appointed at the  
3 beginning of each regular legislative session and shall meet as needed.  
4 The committee shall have staff support from the various legislative  
5 divisions and staff.

6 Sec. 3. Section 50-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
7 amended to read:

8 50-1403 The Legislature's Planning Committee shall:

9 (1) Collect and analyze data about Nebraska, including, but not  
10 limited to, demographics, workforce, education, wages, wealth, tax  
11 structure, revenue, natural resources, assets, challenges, trends, and  
12 growth and efficiency of government;

13 (2) Identify long-term issues significant to the state and develop a  
14 ten-year strategic plan as provided in section 5 of this act;

15 (3) Set goals and benchmarks;

16 (4) Issue a yearly report of its findings; and

17 (5) Propose legislation.

18 Sec. 4. Section 50-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 50-1404 In order to fulfill its duties, the Legislature's Planning  
21 Committee may:

22 (1) Hold public hearings;

23 (2) Obtain data and information from and consult with state  
24 agencies, the University of Nebraska, and private entities that contract  
25 with the state;

26 (3) Contract for assistance, including consultants, with the  
27 approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, to develop  
28 and evaluate the ten-year strategic plan as provided in section 5 of this  
29 act; and

30 (4) Exercise any other authority or powers as granted from time to  
31 time by the executive board.

1           Sec. 5. (1) By December 1, 2020, the Legislature's Planning  
2 Committee shall report to the Legislature and the Governor regarding the  
3 development of a ten-year strategic plan for the State of Nebraska. The  
4 committee shall evaluate the strategic plan every two years using  
5 benchmarks established in the strategic plan. The committee shall reissue  
6 the ten-year strategic plan every ten years based on the two-year  
7 evaluations.

8           (2) The goal of the ten-year strategic plan is to provide the  
9 Legislature with guidance as it faces new and emerging trends, revenue  
10 fluctuations, natural disasters, infrastructure development and  
11 maintenance, workforce demands, and the varying needs of the residents of  
12 Nebraska.

13           (3) The strategic plan shall include, but not be limited to,  
14 identification of the larger issues facing the state, alternatives to  
15 respond to the issues, benchmarks to measure the response, and evaluation  
16 to recommend changes to improve the services provided to the public and  
17 the protection afforded to the public.

18           Sec. 6. Original sections 50-1401, 50-1402, 50-1403, and 50-1404,  
19 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.