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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1115**

Introduced by Davis, 43; Brasch, 16; Dubas, 34; Haar, 21; Schilz,  
47; Seiler, 33; Smith, 14; Sullivan, 41.

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Committee:

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent to appropriate
- 2 additional funds to the Nebraska Power Review Board for a
- 3 study; to state public policy; and to declare an
- 4 emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to  
2 appropriate an additional \$200,000 for FY2014-15 to the Nebraska  
3 Power Review Board from cash funds to provide funds for a study of  
4 state, regional, and national transmission infrastructure and policy  
5 and future needs for transmission infrastructure and policy to serve  
6 Nebraska electric consumers and utilities and generation facilities  
7 in Nebraska seeking to export electricity outside of the state.

8           Sec. 2. It is the policy of the state to encourage and  
9 allow opportunities for development and operation of renewable energy  
10 facilities intended primarily for export from the state in a manner  
11 that protects the ratepayers of consumer-owned utility systems  
12 operating in the state from subsidizing the costs of such export  
13 facilities through their rates and that results in economic  
14 development and employment opportunities for residents and  
15 communities of the state.

16           Sec. 3. The purposes of the study provided for under this  
17 act shall include, but not be limited to, identification of electric  
18 transmission and generation constraints and opportunities, federal  
19 and state legal and regulatory requirements and practices, national  
20 and regional transmission operation, national and regional  
21 transmission plans and policies, national and regional markets for  
22 electricity export and opportunities for and barriers to exporting  
23 electricity to such markets, and economic development benefits of  
24 expanded state, regional, and national transmission connections.

25           Sec. 4. The study provided for under this act shall

1 receive input from a working group including, but not limited to,  
2 five members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of  
3 the Legislative Council, public power districts and other Nebraska  
4 electric providers, renewable energy development companies,  
5 municipalities, the Southwest Power Pool, the Western Area Power  
6 Administration, other transmission system owners, operators, and  
7 developers, environmental interests, and other interested parties.

8           Sec. 5. (1) The Nebraska Power Review Board shall submit  
9 a request for proposals after consultation with the members of the  
10 Legislature and other members of the working group as provided for in  
11 section 4 of this act.

12           (2) The Nebraska Power Review Board shall present the  
13 results of the study provided for under this act to the Executive  
14 Board of the Legislative Council with a copy to the Clerk of the  
15 Legislature and the Governor on or before December 15, 2014. The  
16 report shall be submitted electronically.

17           Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
18 when passed and approved according to law.