

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 21**

Introduced by Brewer, 43; Erdman, 47.

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska needs sustainable nuclear power generation to augment fossil fuel and renewable energy generation of electric energy; and

WHEREAS, nuclear power generation of electric energy helps lower carbon emissions and eliminate greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, a nuclear power plant with a small modular reactor can be housed in a retrofitted or converted existing fossil fuel power plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Study Committee is created to study the feasibility of constructing and operating small modular nuclear reactors to generate electric power in Nebraska.

2. That the members of the special committee shall include the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, and XX additional members of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

3. That the special committee shall elect a chairperson from the membership of the committee. The executive board may provide the special committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff required by the special committee from existing legislative staff. The special committee shall hold such meetings or public hearings at the call of the chairperson at

such locations as the chairperson may decide. The special committee shall seek input from expert and interested sources, including the Nebraska Power Review Board and the public power industry in this state.

4. That the special committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.