

AMENDMENTS TO LB565

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM827)

Introduced by Natural Resources.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Sec. 22. Sections 22 to 28 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Act.

5 Sec. 23. The Legislature finds and declares that it is the policy of
6 the Legislature to support the advanced nuclear and hydrogen industries.

7 Sec. 24. For purposes of the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Act:

8 (1) Department means the Department of Economic Development; and

9 (2) Work group means the Nuclear and Hydrogen Industry Work Group
10 created in section 25 of this act.

11 Sec. 25. (1) The department shall create the Nuclear and Hydrogen
12 Industry Work Group.

13 (2) The work group shall consist of the following twelve members:

14 (a) One representative of the Nebraska community college system;

15 (b) One representative of the Nebraska state college system;

16 (c) Two representatives of the nuclear industry;

17 (d) Two representatives of the hydrogen industry;

18 (e) One representative of a public power district;

19 (f) Two at-large members;

20 (g) The Director of Economic Development or a designee of the
21 director;

22 (h) The chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of the
23 Legislature or a designee of the chairperson; and

24 (i) The chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
25 Committee of the Legislature or a designee of the chairperson.

26 (3) The work group members described in subdivisions (2)(a) through

1 (f) of this section shall be appointed by the Governor. The work group
2 members described in subdivisions (2)(h) and (i) of this section shall
3 serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

4 (4)(a) Each work group member described in subdivisions (2)(a)
5 through (f) of this section may receive a per diem of sixty dollars for
6 each day such member attends a meeting of the work group or is engaged in
7 matters concerning the work group, except that no work group member shall
8 receive more than one thousand dollars in per diems per year under this
9 subdivision.

10 (b) Each such work group member shall be reimbursed for travel and
11 lodging expenses for the performance of such member's duties while
12 carrying out the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Act as provided in
13 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 to be paid out of the Nuclear and Hydrogen
14 Development Fund.

15 Sec. 26. The work group shall examine and make recommendations to
16 the department regarding the workforce training needs of the nuclear and
17 hydrogen industries and provide an opportunity for collaboration of such
18 industries with the Nebraska community college system and Nebraska state
19 college system to develop education training courses.

20 Sec. 27. The department shall establish procedures and criteria for
21 awarding grants to community colleges and state colleges that implement
22 education training courses designed to alleviate the workforce training
23 needs of the nuclear and hydrogen industries based on the recommendations
24 of the work group. The grants awarded by the department shall be used for
25 equipment, curriculum, programming, or marketing needed to provide such
26 education training courses.

27 Sec. 28. (1) The Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Fund is created.
28 The department shall administer the fund to provide per diems and travel
29 and lodging reimbursement to members of the work group as provided under
30 section 25 of this act. The fund shall consist of money transferred by
31 the Legislature. The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred thousand

1 dollars to the fund from the General Fund as soon as administratively
2 possible after the operative date of this section.

3 (2) The Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Fund terminates on July 31,
4 2028, and the State Treasurer shall transfer any money in the fund on
5 such date to the General Fund.

6 Sec. 33. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,
7 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 34 of this act become
8 operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative
9 session. The other sections of this act become operative on their
10 effective date.

11 Sec. 36. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
12 passed and approved according to law.