



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 636

Hearing Date: February 7, 2007
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Natural Resources Committee)
Title: Exempt certain public power district contracts from sealed bidding requirements

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Carlson, Christensen, Fischer, Hudkins, Kopplin, Louden, Wallman
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Dubas

Proponents:

Jody Gittins
John McClure
James Overcash

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Public Power District
Public Power Generation Agency

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 636 does the following:

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| Section 1 | 1. | Requires a cost estimate by a competent engineer or engineers before a district can enter into any contract for identified materials, equipment, or services. |
| | 2. | Retains the requirement that advertising must occur if the cost estimate exceeds \$100,000. |
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3. Provides an exception to requirements of Section 2 for purchases from sheltered workshops.
4. Provides an additional exception to requirements of Section 2 for contracts to procure equipment or supplemental labor from an electric utility or from or through an electric utility alliance when an engineer certifies that a sealed bid process is impractical or not in the public interest, a two-thirds vote of approval is received from the public power district board and the contract to be awarded is advertised in designated publications so that prospective vendors can respond.
5. Removes redundant language.
6. Statutory reference change.
7. Statutory reference change and clarification.

Section 2 Repealer.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee amendment incorporates all of the provisions of the original bill and merely allows entities that are formed under an Interlocal Agreement and entities under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act to be eligible for the same provisions as public power districts and public power and irrigation districts.

The Committee amendment becomes the bill.

Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson