



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 939

Chairperson: LeRoy Louden
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: January 24, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Nebraska law requires public power districts to use sealed bids for the procurement of certain goods and services for power plants and other systems. Under existing law, if a public power district requests sealed bids and the bids are either non-responsive or exceed the estimated fair market value, the Board of Directors can reject the bids and negotiate if the contract does not involve onsite labor. Contracts that are subject to sealed bid and then deemed non-responsive due to receiving non-responsive bids or receiving bids in excess of fair market value cannot be negotiated if the contract includes onsite labor. The contract would have to be rebid, costing additional dollars and time. LB 939 removes the onsite labor exception to allow negotiation of the contract when all bids received are non-responsive or in excess of fair market value, similar to contracts that do not include onsite labor.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Lavon Heidemann