



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 455

Chairperson: Abbie Cornett
Committee: Revenue
Date of Hearing: March 5, 2009

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

LB 455 is intended to provide economic incentives for Nebraska electric power producers to invest in renewable generation resources including wind energy, hydroelectric power, solar energy, geothermal energy, biomass, fuel cells and landfill gas.

LB 455 provides public power districts with an exemption for sales and use taxes on any property that is purchased or used to generate or transmit electricity produced from renewable resources.

In addition, LB 455 provides a renewable energy tax credit that would be credited against the Nebraska sales and use tax. The specified credit is 1.90 cents for each kilowatt-hour of electricity that is generated from renewable resources. The credit amount must be adjusted each year to account for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers. An energy producer may earn the credit for 20 years after the date that the renewable energy facility is placed in operation. The renewable energy tax credit may be transferred to another taxpayer for a period of 10 years after it is earned. Also, a credit that is earned but not used in a given tax year, may be carried back as a credit against prior sales and use tax liability for a period of up to 3 years and may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent sales and use tax liability for a period of up to 10 years.

Principal Introducer:

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