

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB155

Hearing Date: Friday February 11, 2011
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Utter
One Liner: Change sealed bid requirements relating to electric generating facility contracts

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Dennis Utter
Kevin Gaden

Marvin Schultes
Lash Chaffin

Representing:

Introducer
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska; Nebraska Power Pool
City of Hastings
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 155 would give joint entities the same authority as power districts regarding sealed bids for electric generation facility contracts by removing the requirement for taking sealed bids for radioactive materials, maintenance, or repair.

Section 1 amends 13-824.01, relating to electric generating facilities under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, by adding to the exemption from having to use the competitive bidding system, those contracts entered into by a joint entity relating to radioactive material, or its energy, for technologically complex or unique equipment, or for any maintenance or repair. Certain conditions must also be met (compliance is impractical or not in the public interest, approval by 2/3 vote of the governing body, and notice of contract must be provided.)

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson