

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB156

Hearing Date: Friday February 11, 2011
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Utter
One Liner: Change air pollution emission fee provisions

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
Marvin Schultes
Chris Dibbern

Gary Mader
Lash Chaffin

Representing:

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

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 156 would keep a cap on emission fees for certain municipalities with mid-sized electric generation facilities.

Section 1 amends 81-1505.04, relating to the annual emission fee under the Environmental Protection Act, by allowing mid-sized electric generation facilities owned by a municipality to still be considered as mid-sized even if it gets permitted with a larger unit (more than 115 mw) under separate ownership. If under separate ownership, each facility is to be considered a separate major source. This would allow such mid-sized facility from having to pay beyond its current emission fee based on a cap of 400 tons per year for a regulated pollutant.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson