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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB741

Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: January 19, 2012

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

LB741 would require the Nebraska Power Review Board to consider information produced as a result of the planning process used by an applicable regional transmission organization when considering whether to approve an application for authority to construct a transmission line. The requirement would apply in situations where the regional transmission organization had issued a notice requiring a utility to construct a transmission line. The bill would also provide the Power Review Board with specific statutory authority to consider the benefits that a proposed transmission line could confer to the region, which will include Nebraska. The Board currently lacks such statutory authority, and caselaw indicates that the Power Review Board's authority is therefore limited to considering the public convenience and necessity of the citizens of Nebraska. The bill attempts to recognize the increasingly regional nature of the transmission grid.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Schilz