

AMENDMENTS TO LB1115

Introduced by Natural Resources

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to
4 appropriate an additional \$200,000 for FY2014-15 to the Nebraska
5 Power Review Board from the General Fund to provide funds to
6 conduct or cause to be conducted a study of state, regional,
7 and national transmission infrastructure and policy and future
8 needs for transmission infrastructure and policy to serve Nebraska
9 electric consumers and utilities and generation facilities in
10 Nebraska seeking to export electricity outside of the state.

11 Sec. 2. It is the policy of the state to encourage
12 and allow opportunities for development and operation of renewable
13 energy facilities intended primarily for export from the state in
14 a manner that protects the ratepayers of consumer-owned utility
15 systems operating in the state from subsidizing the costs of
16 such export facilities through their rates and that results in
17 economic development and employment opportunities for residents and
18 communities of the state.

19 Sec. 3. The purposes of the study provided for under
20 sections 1 to 5 of this act shall include, but not be limited
21 to, identification of electric transmission and generation
22 constraints and opportunities, federal and state legal and
23 regulatory requirements and practices, national and regional

1 transmission operation, national and regional transmission plans
2 and policies, national and regional markets for electricity export
3 and opportunities for and barriers to exporting electricity to
4 such markets, and economic development benefits of expanded state,
5 regional, and national transmission connections.

6 Sec. 4. The scope of the study provided for under
7 sections 1 to 5 of this act shall receive input from a working
8 group that may include, but not be limited to, members of
9 the Legislature, the State Energy Office, the Department of
10 Economic Development, public power districts and other Nebraska
11 electric providers, renewable energy development companies,
12 municipalities, the Southwest Power Pool, the Western Area Power
13 Administration, other transmission system owners, transmission
14 operators, transmission developers, environmental interests, and
15 other interested parties.

16 Sec. 5. (1) The Nebraska Power Review Board shall issue
17 a request for proposals to conduct the study provided for under
18 sections 1 to 5 of this act after consultation with the working
19 group as provided for in section 4 of this act.

20 (2) Any contracts or agreements entered into under this
21 subsection shall not be subject to the Nebraska Consultants'
22 Competitive Negotiation Act or sections 73-301 to 73-306 or 73-501
23 to 73-510.20.

24 (3) The Nebraska Power Review Board shall present the
25 results of the study to the Executive Board of the Legislative
26 Council with a copy to the Clerk of the Legislature and the
27 Governor on or before December 15, 2014. The report shall be

1 submitted electronically.

2 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect

3 when passed and approved according to law.