

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB736

Hearing Date: Thursday February 04, 2016
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Friesen
One Liner: Change provisions relating to electric utilities and electric suppliers under the Rural Community-Based Energy Development Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Friesen, Hughes, Johnson, Kolowski, Lindstrom, McCollister, Schilz, Schnoor

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Curt Friesen
Kristen Gottschalk

Richard Nelson

Opponents:

Neutral:

David Levy

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Rural Electric Association; Nebraska Power Association
Custer Public Power

Representing:

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Baird Holm

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 736 would clarify the Community-Based Energy Development (C-BED) Act to ensure all Nebraska electric utilities have the option of negotiating a contract for energy output from a C-BED project. The bill does this by replacing the more limited definition of "electric utility" with the more inclusive definition of "electric supplier."

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2074 further clarifies the intended definition of "electric supplier" by simply providing the definition, rather than cross-referencing to another statute. Electric supplier means a public power district, a public power and irrigation districts, an individual municipality, a registered group of municipalities, an electric membership association, or a cooperative.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson