

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB783

Hearing Date: Monday February 22, 2016
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Lindstrom
One Liner: Provide for registration of public power district vehicles as prescribed

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Friesen, Davis, Garrett, McCoy, Murante, Seiler, Smith
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Brett Lindstrom
Mike Donahue
Neal Seuss
Rick Kubat
Tom Richards

Representing:
Introducer
Omaha Public Power District
Loup River Public Power District
Metropolitan Utilities District
Omaha Public Power District

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Jill Becker

Representing:
Black Hills Energy

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill establishes a new classification of license plates for purposes of motor vehicle registration- public power district license plates.

A vehicle issued the public power district license plate shall be owned or leased by a public power district which receives annual gross revenue of at least \$250 million.

Upon payment of all other fees required at registration, plus an additional fee of \$3 per vehicle (\$2 per plate upon annual renewal), the vehicles of a qualified public power district shall be issued a distinctive permanent license plate. Such plates shall remain with the vehicle so long as it is owned by the public power district.

The act is operative January 1, 2017.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee considered and adopted an amendment that accomplishes the following:

- 1) The public power districts eligible to be issued the public power district license plate is changed from those districts with at least \$250 million in annual revenue to those with at least \$40 million in revenue. Revenue for public power districts shall be determined by information published by the Nebraska Power Review Board.
- 2) Adds section 60-3,101 to the bill-annual renewal validation decals. The section is amended to add public power district license plates to the types of license plates that are not required to display the validation decal.
- 3) new section 11 of the amendment (section 10 of the bill as introduced) is revised by striking redundant language.

Jim Smith, Chairperson