

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB824**

---

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 27, 2016  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** McCollister  
**One Liner:** Exempt privately developed renewable energy generation facilities from regulation as prescribed

---

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

---

**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Friesen, Hughes, Kolowski, Lindstrom, McCollister, Schilz, Schnoor
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Johnson
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

---

**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John McCollister  
Senator Ken Haar  
Thomas Budler  
Michael Degan  
Frank Costanza  
Emily Kobylarczyk  
Dave Hamilton  
Bill Harv  
Mark Shults  
John Hansen  
Richard Lombardi  
Johnathan Hladik  
David Levy  
Gary Aksamit

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
BHE Wind, LLC  
Private Wind Developers  
Tradewind Energy, Inc.  
Invenergy, LLC  
Cherry County Wind Energy Association  
Self  
Northeast Nebraska Public Power District  
Nebraska Farmers Union  
The Wind Coalition  
Center for Rural Affairs  
BHE Renewables, LLC  
Aksamit Resources Management

**Opponents:**

Curtis Schwaninger  
Sara Macklin  
Bruce Bostelman  
Joel Macklin  
Jan Bostelman

**Representing:**

Self  
Self  
Self  
Self  
Self

**Neutral:**

Tom Kent  
Tim Texel  
Gary Krumland  
Kevin Wailes  
Chris Dibbern

**Representing:**

Nebraska Public Power District  
Nebraska Power Review Board  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Lincoln Electric System  
NMPP Energy

---

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 824 would exempt privately developed renewable energy generation facilities from regulation as prescribed.

---

**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment would strike the content of LB 824 and replace it with the content of LB 914. LB 914 changes the compensation for the member of the Power Review Board chosen to represent Nebraska on the Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee. Compensation would be set at two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250) each day the designated member is actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of his or her Southwest Power Pool duties. The total amount compensated will be capped at twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per year. If another Power Review Board member serves as a proxy for the Southwest Power Pool representative, they are to receive the additional compensation and not have it calculated against the yearly compensation limit. The annual aggregate total of service is not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The additional compensation comes from an assessment on public power entities.

---

Ken Schilz, Chairperson