

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB430

Hearing Date: Friday February 10, 2017
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Smith
One Liner: Change powers and duties of the Department of Health and Human Services under the Radiation Control Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jim Smith
Brad Blome
Jim Stough

Representing:

Introducer
Omaha Public Power District
Nebraska Public Power District

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Judy Martin
Mary Sue Semerena
Tom Richards

Representing:

Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Omaha Public Power District

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 430 eliminates the responsibility of the Department of Health and Human Services to provide occupational, public health, safety and environmental inspection services to power plants that have initiated permanent plant decommissioning, initiated permanent defueled emergency plan and notified the department.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section (1): Amends 71-3505 of the Radiation Control Act to disallow any nuclear power plant that has initiated permanent plant decommissioning from the mandates on nuclear power plants from the Department of Health and Human Services for inspection and has notified the Department it has implemented a permanent defueled emergency plan pursuant to rules and regulations of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Section (2): Repeal Section 71-3505.

Explanation of amendments:

AM176 accomplishes the following:

Strikes new language in Section 71-3505, strikes \$53,000 and inserts \$82,000 for nuclear power plant fee, strikes July 1, 1997 and inserts January 1, 2018 for indexing for annual fee, strikes direct and strikes Section (8) of LB 430.

AM 176 clarifies the fee will not apply to a nuclear power plant that has started permanent plant decommissioning and no longer requires protective action. Adds if a nuclear power plant is no longer subject to the fee, the fee for the remaining nuclear power plant shall not exceed the lesser of the actual cost of Department of Health and Human Services activities or \$110,000 annually.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson