

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB285

Hearing Date: Thursday March 14, 2019
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: McCollister
One Liner: State intent to appropriate funds to the Nebraska Power Review Board for a study and state public policy

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John McCollister
Tim Polz
Wayne Williams
Brett Cullen
David Levy
Sean Flowerday
David Holtzclaw
Charles Radatz
Michael O'Hara

Representing:

Introducer
SunVest Solar Inc.
Interconnection Systems Inc.
Engie Storage
SunVest Solar Inc.
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Falls City Economic & Growth Enterprise
Sierra Club - Nebraska Chapter

Opponents:

Shelley Sahling-Zart

Representing:

Nebraska Power Association

Neutral:

Tim Texel

Representing:

Nebraska Power Review Board

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 285 would appropriate \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Power Review Board ("NPRB") to fund a study examining how renewable energy sources could help improve the grid and obviate the need for upgrades, and state Legislative intent and a policy of encouraging development and operation of renewable energy generation projects. The study would be conducted by the NPRB, with input from a working group made up of various stakeholders from the electrical services industry, state agencies, and members of the Legislative body. The study findings would need to be submitted to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, with a copy to the Clerk of the Legislature, the Governor, and the members of the working group, on or before December 20, 2019.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson