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**LB 475**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2015-16</b>		<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	(2,000)		(2,000)	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(2,000)		(2,000)	

**Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.**

LB 475 changes provisions related to the construction or acquisition of certain electric generation facilities.

The bill's provisions specify that section 70-1012 only applies to the construction or acquisition of an electric generating facility that involves any activity or improvement that results in an increase in generating capacity or has a total cost of \$150,000,000 or more.

The new language limits the PRB's jurisdiction to such facilities or construction projects. The PRB estimates fewer hearings and associated costs due to this provisions. The impact would be an expenditure reduction of \$2,000 of Cash Funds each year.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSES</b>			
LB: 475	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Power Review Board	
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COMMENTS: I concur with the Nebraska Power Review Board's statement of fiscal impact for LB475.			

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 475**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Nebraska Power Review Board

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	-2,000		-2,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>-2,000</u>		<u>-2,000</u>	

**Explanation of Estimate:**

Under current law, the Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB) must approve all generation facilities regardless of the facility's capacity, with certain exceptions such as net metering facilities and those that are approved by the federal government. It is the NPRB's practice to conduct an evidentiary hearing on almost all generation facilities that are commercial in nature. LB 475 in its current form would limit the NPRB's jurisdiction to only those situations where an application involves increasing a facility's capacity or if the project has a total cost of \$150 million or more. Applications that involve increasing an existing facility's capacity or that involve a total cost of \$150 million are less common than new facilities or those that cost less than \$150 million. Based on past history, the NPRB estimates the change would eliminate the need for an average of one to two evidentiary hearings per year. The Board's hearings cost anywhere from approximately \$200 to \$1,150. The expenses are primarily driven by the cost of the court reporting service and public notices in newspapers.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			-2,000	
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>-2,000</u>	