

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB155**

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**Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 11, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

-The purpose of this bill is to amend the existing Interlocal Cooperation Act under §70-637 for the rights of public power districts.

-Harmonize the Interlocal laws with §70-637 to avoid conflicting interpretation of particular word choice

-Mirroring the terminology of §70-637 promotes clarity and uniformity in decision-making policies and procedures.

-Adding the minor exceptions to the current sealed bidding requirements will give Interlocal agencies additional options for "operating, maintenance or repair" on power plans in a cost-effective and timely manner. Similar to other statutory exceptions to the sealed bid requirement already in the public power laws this bill would only mirror what is currently in state law for others.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Dennis Utter**