

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB300**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 28, 2009  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Heidemann  
**One Liner:** Change bidding requirements for public power and irrigation districts

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Carlson, Cook, Dubas, Fischer, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Lavon Heidemann  
John McClure  
Tom Richards  
Gary Westphal

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Public Power District  
Omaha Public Power District  
Butler Public Power District, Nebraska Rural Electric Association, Nebraska Electric Generation and Transmission

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 300 provides new bid thresholds that must be met before a public power district is required to use a sealed bid procedure when contracting for materials and services on facilities for power, hydrogen production, ethanol production or irrigation.

Details

Section 1 amends Section 70-637, relating to public power and irrigation districts contracting procedures, by adding language requiring a sealed bid process for service and materials contracts that (1) exceed \$250,000 for districts with revenue lower than \$500 million or (2) exceed \$500,000 for districts with revenue greater than \$500 million.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

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