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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB736

Chairperson: Senator Ken Schilz

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 4, 2016

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

LB 736 amends the Community-Based Energy Development (C-BED) Act to allow all Nebraska electric utilities the option of negotiating a contract for energy from a C-BED project. LB 736 would remove the limited definition of "electric utility" and use the term "electric supplier" as it is defined in 70-1014.02 (Electric supplier means a public power district, a public power and irrigation district, an individual municipality, a registered group of municipalities, an electric membership association, or a cooperative).

The existing definition in 70-1903 (2) only applies to Nebraska Public Power District, Omaha Public Power District, Lincoln Electric System and Tri-State Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative. As a result, they are currently the only electric utilities authorized to negotiate a contract for the purchase of energy from a C-BED project.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Curt Friesen