

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB547

Hearing Date: Thursday February 23, 2017
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Watermeier
One Liner: State legislative findings and change provisions relating to eminent domain and review by the Nebraska Power Review Board

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Hughes, Kolowski, McCollister, Quick, Walz

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Watermeier
Michael Matheson
Phillip Young
Gary Aksamit

Representing:

Introducer
Grain Belt Energy
Americans for Electricity Choice
Americans for Electricity Choice

Opponents:

John McClure
Tom Richards
Chris Dibbern
Shelley Sahling-Zart

Representing:

Nebraska Public Power District
Omaha Public Power District
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool
Lincoln Electric System and Nebraska Power Association
Nebraska Farmers Union
Southwest Public Power District
Saline County Wind Association LLC
Saline County Wind Association
Goebel Farms Inc

John Hansen
Curtis Kayton
Darrel Hayek
David Vavra
Don Goebel

Neutral:

Tim Texel

Representing:

Nebraska Power Review Board

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 547 would allow for privately developed electricity generation and transmission facilities, and eliminate the authority of public power districts to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson