

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1205

Hearing Date: Thursday February 13, 2020
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: McCollister
One Liner: Adopt the Renewable Energy Standards Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John McCollister
Michael J. O'Hara
David Corbin
Clyde Anderson
Kat Woerner
Katie Torpy
Sharon Clawson
TJ Pfannenstiel
Kristen Ohnoutka

Representing:

Introducer
Sierra Club of Nebraska
Public Health Association of Nebraska
Omaha Together One Community
Sustain UNL
Nature Conservancy
self
Students for Sustainability
New Power Nebraska

Opponents:

Shelley Sahling-Zart
Kristen Gottschalk
Dustin Antonello
Twyla Witt
Tom Witt

Representing:

Lincoln Electric System
Nebraska Rural Electric Association
Lincoln Independent Business Association
self
self

Neutral:

Tim Texel

Representing:

Nebraska Power Review Board

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1205 would require all governmental entities that provide electric services within the state to bring into service an increasing level of renewable generation capacity over the next ten (10) years. By the end of 2022, each public power supplier shall have placed into service renewable electric power generation capacity equal to 35% of the supplier's median

annual generation for 2019 to 2021. By the end of 2026, each supplier shall have placed into service renewable generation capacity equal to 50% of the supplier's median annual generation between 2023 to 2025. By the end of 2030, each supplier shall have placed into service renewable generation capacity equal to 75% of the supplier's median generation between 2027 to 2029.

Section by section summary:

Section 1 would name the Renewable Energy Standards Act.

Section 2 would declare a state policy of encouraging development and use of renewable electric power.

Section 3 would define "public power supplier" and "renewable energy generation facility."

Section 4 would allow a public power supplier to place renewable electric power generation capacity in service by either building or buying renewable production facilities, or by contracting to purchase electricity from renewable production facilities.

Section 5 would establish a timetable for adoption of renewable electric power generation capacity.

Section 6 would set an operative date of January 1, 2021.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson