

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB289**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 26, 2023  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Bostelman  
**One Liner:** Provide powers for agencies created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Bostelman, Brandt, Cavanaugh, J., Fredrickson, Hughes, Jacobson, Moser, Slama  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Bruce Bostelman  
Tom Ourada  
Chris Dibbern

**Representing:**

Introducer  
MEAN (Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska)  
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, Nebraska Power Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

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

LB289, introduced by Senator Bostelman amends Section 18-2441 to grant Municipal Cooperative Financing companies the authority to maintain and service Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) on behalf of public utilities members.

Specifically, LB289 adds (1) the power to own and operate, contract to operate, or lease advanced metering infrastructure services, without the ability to engage in the sale of the natural gas commodity associated with any such service, and (2) to provide related information technology and other services to the utilities.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) is a two-way communication system that collects detailed metering information for use by a utility industry and is typically automated, allowing for real time, on-demand assessment of customer consumption hourly or even more frequently to provide measurements to the central collection point as needed to assess customer demand needs. AMI systems need to have appropriate bandwidth and broadcast capabilities.

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Section by Section

Sec. 1 Grants the new enumerated powers at subsections (15) and (16); refers to the Act by name.

Sec. 2 Repeal original section 18-2441

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Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson