

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1108

Hearing Date: Friday February 20, 2026
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Clouse
One Liner: Change provisions related to contracts entered into by and bidding requirements and exceptions for joint entities and public power districts

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, Meyer, F., Wordekemper
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Stan Clouse
Lash Chaffin
Shane Stone

Keith Leonhardt
Randi Scott

Representing:

Opening Presenter
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Public Power Generation Agency, City of Hastings/Hastings Utilities
Public Power Generation Agency
Omaha Public Power District and Nebraska Power Association (NPA)

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes changes to the bidding and public notice requirements for certain joint public entities and public power districts.

Section 1 would revise Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-824.01. First, it would add “servicing” to the list of contract types requiring an engineer-calculated cost estimate before a joint entity enters into any contract relating to electric generation or related facilities. The estimated cost threshold at which point sealed bids would be required for any contract would be moved from one hundred thousand dollars to seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, or one million five hundred thousand dollars in the case of joint entities with a gross revenue of five hundred million dollars or more. The



newspaper notice requirement for such contracts would be reduced from three weekly notices to one notice. A further emergency exemption from the regular bidding requirements would be added to the statute in the event of sudden, unanticipated damage, injury, or impairment to any electric generating facility.

Sections 2 and 3 make harmonizing changes relating to the reduced newspaper notice requirement.

Section 4 contains the partial repealer.

Rita Sanders, Chairperson

