

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB20

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 22, 2025
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Cavanaugh, J.
One Liner: Require interconnection for electricity distribution between local distribution systems and agricultural self-generation facilities

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Cavanaugh, J.
Al Juhnke

James Dukesherer
Debra Nicholson
Shirely Niemeyer

Opponents:

Neutral:

Representing:

Opening Presenter
NE Pork Producers, NE Farm Bureau, NE Sorgum Association, NE Dairy Association, NE Cattlemen, NE Soybean Association, NE Corn Growers Association, NE Wheat Growers Association, NE Biofuels Associaiton
Nebraska Rural Electric Associaiton
Citizens Climate Lobby
Self

Representing:

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* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB20 creates a new section of law, likely amending Chapter 70 to prohibit local electrical suppliers from refusing to serve customers who operate an agricultural self-generation facility for use of energy "behind the meter."

An agricultural self-generation facility is defined as an electricity-generating facility that uses methane, wind, solar, biomass, hydropower, or geothermal resources as its energy source for use in agricultural or horticultural operations, is owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the owner-generator and is located entirely on the same premises as the owner-generator's electric account with the local distribution utility, has a rated capacity of one hundred kilowatts or



less, utilizes a device which prevents any back feed of electricity to the local distribution system and not be used for purposes of net metering.

Nothing in the bill prohibits a local distribution utility from recovering its costs to serve a customer that is an owner-generator.

Tom Brandt, Chairperson

