

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1066

Hearing Date: February 01, 2008

Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Louden)

Title: Change provisions relating to special generation applications before the Nebraska Power Review Board

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File with Amendments

Vote Results:

8 Yes	Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Fischer, Hudkins, Kopplin, Louden, Wallman
0 No	
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Jody Gittins
Shelley Sahling-Zart
Ken Winston
Mary Harding

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Power Association
Nebraska Chapter Sierra Club
Nebraska League of Conservation Voters

Opponents:

None

Representing:**Neutral:**

Tim Texel

John K. Hansen

Representing:

Nebraska Power Review Board

Nebraska Farmers Union

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 1066 does the following:

- Section 1 (1) Deals with the existing statute on special generation applications before the Nebraska Power Review Board.
Technical referencing changes.
- (2) Allows a special generation application for a facility that will generate more than ten thousand kilowatts of electric energy from a renewable energy source by a municipality, registered group of municipalities, a public power district, a public power and irrigation district, an electric cooperative association or any other governmental entity to be filed if (a) the total production from all such renewable projects does not exceed ten percent of the total energy sales and (b) the energy producer's governing body conducts at least one advertised public hearing which affords the ratepayers the opportunity to review and comment on the subject of the application.
- (3) Requires the board to approve the application upon a finding that the applicant is using renewable energy technologies; total production from all renewable projects of the applicant does not exceed ten percent of the total energy sales; and the applicant's governing body has conducted at least one advertised public hearing.

Section 2 Repealer.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment becomes the bill. The amendment clarifies certain provisions of the bill but does not substantially change the bill.

- Section 1 (2) Adds clarification that sales from projects to other electric-generating entities are excluded from the calculation to determine ten percent of energy sales.

Changes the phrases “energy producer” to “power supplier” and “renewable energy technologies” to “renewable energy sources” to conform to existing statutes.

Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson