

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB804

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 19, 2022
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Hughes
One Liner: Change compensation of certain members of the Nebraska Power Review Board

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
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Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Aguilar, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, J., Gragert, Hughes, Wayne
Nay:	2	Senators Groene, Moser
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Dan Hughes
Dennis Grennan
Shelley Sahling-Zart
Tim Texel

Representing:

Introducer
Power Review Board
Nebraska Power Association
Power Review Board

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB804, brought by Senator Hughes, amends Section 70-1003 to increase the per diem compensation cap for that member of the Nebraska Power Review Board who serves as the member designated to represent the Nebraska members on the Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee while serving in that capacity.

The Nebraska Power Review Board (PRB) was established by the Legislature in 1963 in Chapter 70, article 10 (70-1003). PRB is an independent board that consists of five members appointed by the Governor, subject to the approval of the Legislature. The duties and obligations of the PRB are found in chapter 70, section 10, as part of the law governing public power.

Members of the Board each receive compensation at the rate of sixty dollars per day, up to a maximum of six thousand dollars a year, when engaged in actual and necessary activities to fulfill their duties.

In 2009, the three largest public power generators/suppliers in Nebraska joined the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), which is a regional transmission organization (RTO) functioning as a power balancing authority. One member of the PRB represents the state of Nebraska members on the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) regional state committee.

In 2016, the Legislature authorized a per diem rate of two hundred and fifty dollars per day, up to a maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars per year when the designated PRB member is engaged in actual and necessary activities relative to the SPP committee.

The per diem compensation does not change under LB804. LB804 changes the current maximum compensation of twenty-five thousand dollars per year for the designated SPP committee member to forty thousand dollars per year.

Sec. 1 Amends Section 70-1003 by changing "twenty" thousand to "forty" thousand in subsection (2).

Sec. 2 Repeals the original section.

Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson