

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB267

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2023
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Adopt the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Blood, Halloran, Hansen, B., Hunt, Ibach, McKinney, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Brewer
Seth Voyles

Jill Becker
Susan Martin

Opponents:

Daryl Bohac

Neutral:

Representing:

District 43
Omaha Public Power Department, Nebraska Power
Association
Black Hills Energy
Nebraska State AFL-CIO

Representing:

Nebraska Military Department

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The intent of this bill is to provide for the prioritization of resources for the protection of critical infrastructure utility workers during any civil defense emergency. It provides priority access to personal protective equipment, medical screening, testing, preventative health services, medical treatment, and the administration of vaccines in the event of an emergency involving a severe threat to human health.

Section 1: Identifies the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act.

Section 2: Definitions Section.

Section 3: Describes the purpose of the Act: Provides protection to utility workers in an emergency/disaster, providing access to essential equipment, health services, and medical treatment/vaccines. Authorizes federal and state aid to utility

workers in the event of emergency/disaster.

Section 4: Requires utilities to maintain a confidential list of critical infrastructure utility workers and to be made available to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency on request.

Section 5: Describes in the event of a disaster, the Governor ensures utility workers are provide proper equipment and medical services approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and to provide any available funding for utility workers in accordance with Federal rules and regulations.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson