

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB997

Hearing Date: Monday February 06, 2012
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Wightman
One Liner: Change provisions relating to high voltage conductor safety

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Ashford, Carlson, Cook, Harr, Lathrop, Smith, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: John Wightman Kristin Gottschalk Ken Mass	Representing: Introducer Nebraska Rural Electric Association, Nebraska Power Association Nebraska State AFL-CIO
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

High voltage safety. LB 997 amends the high voltage safety statutes by requiring qualified and authorized individuals, as determined by the owner of the high voltage conductors, to manipulate the lines when accommodating oversized loads on public highways. LB 997 further requires permits for slow moving oversized loads to include written proof that the relevant utility has been notified.

Explanation of amendments:

Removes the written notice requirement for permits and, instead, requires the applicant to affirm under oath that they have contacted the relevant utility. AM 1885 additionally allows electric power districts to address issues of authority to manipulate lines between districts by contract.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson