

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB897

Hearing Date: Friday February 05, 2016
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Lindstrom
One Liner: Allow certain public power agencies to engage in hedging transactions

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Friesen, Hughes, Johnson, Kolowski, Lindstrom, McCollister,
Schilz, Schnoor

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Brett Lindstrom
Tom Kent

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Power Association; Nebraska Public Power
District

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 897 authorizes generating public power districts buying or selling within a regional transmission organization to engage in commodity futures financial hedging transactions with products regulated under the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission for fuel, power, or energy. Limits the authority to granting a security interest in and a lien on future account contracts or funds designated for such commodity futures financial hedging transactions.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment clarifies the new language is to be considered a bond as already defined in statute, and adds that the governing body of a generating power agency may authorize entering into agreements for the use of commodity futures financial hedging transactions by approved agreement, in addition to authorization by resolution.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson