

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB230

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 26, 2011
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Sullivan
One Liner: Change access to public records

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Brasch, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Price, Schumacher, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Kate Sullivan
John McClure
Bill Flynt
Tom Richards
Kristen Gottschalk
Daniel Crouchley
Gary Krumland
Gary Mader

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Public Power District
Nebraska Public Power District
Omaha Public Power District
Nebraska Rural Electric Association
Metropolitan Utilities District
League of Nebraska Municipalities
City of Grand Island

Opponents:

Shawn Renner

Representing:

Media of Nebraska, Inc.

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 230 allows the lawful custodian of the public records to withhold from the public information on public utility infrastructure specifications, design drawings and maps. Public utilities are also allowed to withhold information on customer use information.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment provides greater specificity as to when certain public documents may be withheld from the public.

Public utility infrastructure specifications or design drawings the public disclosure of which would create a substantial likelihood of endangering public safety or property may be withheld from the public unless otherwise provided by state or federal law.

Also, a public utility may withhold personally identified private citizen customer use information.

Bill Avery, Chairperson