

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB660**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 16, 2017

**Committee On:** Natural Resources

**Introducer:** Wayne

**One Liner:** Adopt the Nebraska Retail Electricity Choice Act and remove a restriction on the sale or delivery of retail electricity by a private electric supplier

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Hughes, Kolowski, McCollister, Quick, Walz

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Phillip Young  
Gary Aksamit  
Darrin Pfannenstiel  
Michael Matheson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Americans for Electricity Choice  
Americans for Electricity Choice  
Retail Energy Supply Association  
self

**Opponents:**

John McClure  
Kevin Wailes  
Dan Schmid  
Robert Hanson  
Cody Wickham  
Tom Kent  
Troy Bredenkamp  
Ron Todd-Meyer  
Richard Hedrick  
Neal Niedfeldt  
Albin Ziemba  
Bruce Pontow  
Richard Michel  
Brian Newton  
Gary Hedman  
Nancy Bryan  
Curtis Kayton  
Darrel Hayek  
John Hansen  
David Vavra

**Representing:**

Nebraska Power Association  
Lincoln Electric System  
self  
Monolith Materials Inc.  
DA Davidson & Co  
Nebraska Public Power District  
Nebraska Rural Electric Association  
Nebraskans for Peace  
self  
Southern Public Power District  
self  
Nebraska Electric G & T Cooperative  
self  
City of Fremont  
Southern Public Power District  
City of Stromsburg  
Southwest Public Power District  
Saline County Wind Association, LLC  
Nebraska Farmers Union  
Saline County Wind Association, LLC

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Ervin Portis

City of Plattsmouth

**Neutral:**

Scott Hofeling

Tim Texel

**Representing:**

Hofeling Enterprises Inc.

Nebraska Power Review Board

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 660 would adopt the Nebraska Retail Electricity Choice Act, require the Public Service Commission to set the criteria for retail electric competition in Nebraska. Private electric suppliers would be allowed to sell or deliver retail electricity and compete with public utilities for retail customers.

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Dan Hughes, Chairperson