

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB547**

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**Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 23, 2017**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 547 would eliminate a public power district's eminent domain authority over privately-owned electricity generation facilities and transmission lines. In 2016, legislation was passed that removed the authority of public power districts to use eminent domain to take over renewable generation facilities. The changes proposed under LB 547 would not affect a public power district's ability to use eminent domain to build its own generation or transmission.

Furthermore, a privately-owned electric generation or transmission facility would be exempt from review by the Nebraska Power Review Board if specified requirements were met.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Dan Watermeier