

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB509**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday March 14, 2019

**Committee On:** Natural Resources

**Introducer:** McCollister

**One Liner:** Redefine the terms net metering and qualified facility and change powers and duties of a local distribution utility

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

Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John McCollister  
Scott Williams  
Seth Voyles  
Kenneth Winston  
David Holtzclaw  
David Levy  
Chucjk Monico  
Michael O'Hara

**Representing:**

Introducer  
self  
Omaha Public Power District  
Nebraska Interfaith Power and Light  
self  
Northeast Nebraska Public Power District  
CM's A Cut Above  
Sierra Club - Nebraska Chapter

**Opponents:**

John Hansen  
Shelley Sahling-Zart  
  
Leroy Mostek  
  
Curtis Kayton  
Joe Dixon  
Kristen Gottschalk  
Michael Shonka  
Robert Best

**Representing:**

Nebraska Farmers Union  
Lincoln Electric System, NMPP Energy, League of  
Nebraska Municipalities  
Nebraska Rural Electric Association, Cuming County Public  
Power District  
Southwest Public Power District  
self  
Nebraska Rural Electric Association  
Solar Heat and Electric  
self

**Neutral:**

Graham Christensen  
Eric Moyer

**Representing:**

GC Revolt LLC  
SWT Energy, Inc

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

LB 509 would amend sections 70-2002 and 70-2003 to:

Increase the maximum permitted level of net metered customer-generation in the state from 25 kilowatts to 100 kilowatts;

Create a new rate class for net metered users;

Limit the rate that may be charged users that generate more than 5 kilowatts to a level 20% higher than the utility's equivalent fixed rate for non customer-generators;

Authorize local distribution utilities to cap a customer-generator that generates more than 25 kilowatts at 110% of their average monthly usage, or at 100% of their average monthly usage if the utility can show risk to its distribution system or grid reliability.

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Dan Hughes, Chairperson