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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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# 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- 60 –Day session
- 547 bills
  - 74 bills of interest to OPPD
- 12 Constitutional Amendments
- February 27 - Last day of hearings
- April 17 - Adjourn Sine Die

# BILLS OF INTEREST TO OPPD—**SUPPORT**

- **LB413** – Clouse – Change provisions relating to the setting of rates by certain power districts
- **LB489** – Brandt – Prohibit certain entities from operating, maintaining, constructing, or acquiring transmission lines and related facilities
- **LB546** – Rountree – Change provisions relating to proclamations for disasters, emergencies, and civil defense emergencies made by the Governor
- **LB935**-Bosn-Provide for the award of costs and attorney's fees in certain actions involving political subdivisions (*Judiciary Committee Hearing 2/18/26*)
- **LB1003** – G. Meyer – Adopt the Renewable Energy Consumer Protection Act and provide a deceptive trade practice (*Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee hearing 2/17/26*)

# BILLS OF INTEREST TO OPPD—**SUPPORT**

- **LB1010** – Brandt – Provide for eminent domain of electrical energy storage property, storage of electric energy under the Electric Cooperative Corporation Act, and energy storage resources and change application, notice, filing, exemption, and violation provisions relating to electric suppliers (*Natural Resources Committee Hearing 2/11/26*)
- **LB1033** – Spivey – Require DHHS to make crisis assistance payments under LIHEAP (*HHS Committee Hearing 2/20/26*)
- **LB1108**-Clouse-Change provisions related to contracts entered into by and bidding requirements and exceptions for joint entities and public power districts (*Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Hearing 2/20/26*)

# BILLS OF INTEREST TO OPPD—**SUPPORT**

- **LB1145** – Lonowski – Change provisions relating to notice requirements for a meeting of a public body under the Open Meetings Act (*Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee hearing 2/5/26*)
- **LB1191** – Hallstrom– Change provisions relating to certain employment and investment requirements under the Nebraska Advantage Act (*Revenue Committee hearing 2/6/26*)
- **LB1261**-DeKay/Governor-Prohibit the use of eminent domain to acquire certain privately owned electric generation facilities (*Natural Resources Committee hearing 2/5/26*)

# BILLS OF INTEREST TO OPPD—**OPPOSE**

- **LB349** – Prokop – Change provisions relating to applications, notices, filings, exemptions, and violations regarding the construction or acquisition of certain electric energy storage resources by electric suppliers
- **LB503** – Bosn – Authorize the designation of American Energy Friendly Counties and change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and the nameplate capacity tax
- **LB571** – J. Cavanaugh – Require cost-of-living adjustments for retirees for any public power district that operates a defined benefit plan
- **LB964** – Bostar – Adopt the Nebraska Public Property Disclosure Act (*Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee hearing 2/5/26*)

# BILLS OF INTEREST TO OPPD–**OPPOSE**

- **LB1026** – Storm –Prohibit retirement, shutdown, cessation of operation, and alteration of operation of certain energy generation facilities (*Natural Resources Committee hearing 2/5/26*)
- **LB1093** –Ballard– Redefine excavation under the One-Call Notification System Act (*Transportation and Telecommunications Committee hearing 2/10/26*)
- **LB1096** – Bostar/Governor– Adopt the Preventing Lethal Agricultural and National Threats Act and the Critical Infrastructure Protection Act, authorize the withholding of records relating to critical water infrastructure, and provide civil and criminal penalties (*Judiciary Committee hearing 2/5/26*)

# BILLS OF INTEREST TO OPPD—**OPPOSE**

- **LB1193** –Prokop- Provide regulation of and requirements for energy storage resources and change provisions relating to property tax exemptions and the nameplate capacity tax *(Revenue Committee Hearing 2/11/26)*
- **LB1204** –Clouse-Adopt the Nameplate Capacity Tax Facility Standards Act and change provisions relating to property tax exemptions and the nameplate capacity tax *(Natural Resources Committee Hearing 2/12/26)*
- **LB1255** – Bostar–Prohibit public power suppliers from exercising the power of eminent domain *(Judiciary Committee)*
- **LB1259** –Hansen– Adopt the Grid Modernization Act *(Natural Resources Committee hearing 2/4/26)*



# BILLS OF INTEREST TO OPPD–**NEUTRAL**

- **LB1027** –Storm- Eliminate certain exemptions applicable to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and change requirements for the construction of privately developed renewable energy generation facilities (*Natural Resource Committee hearing 2/5/26*)
- **LB1172** – Holdcroft–Provide requirements for electric suppliers relating to dispatchable electricity capacity (*Natural Resources Committee hearing 2/4/26*)