

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB636**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 08, 2023  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Albrecht  
**One Liner:** Prohibit political subdivisions from restricting certain energy services

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Bostelman, Brandt, Hughes, Jacobson, Moser, Slama
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Cavanaugh, J., Fredrickson
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Joni Albrecht  
Jill Becker

Brent Smoyer  
Lynne McNally  
Andrew Dunkley

Rich Otto

**Opponents:**

Al Davis

**Neutral:**

Lash Chaffin

**Representing:**

Introducer

Black Hills Energy; Lincoln Chamber of Commerce;  
Metropolitan Utilities District; Nebraska Economic  
Developers Association; HBAL/MOBA Coalition; Nebraska  
Chamber of Commerce

Northwestern Energy

Nebraska Propane Gas Association

Nebraska Soybean Association; Nebraska Pork Producers;  
Nebraska Wheat Growers; Nebraska State Dairy  
Association; Renewable Fuels

Nebraska Hospitality Association; Nebraska Retail  
Federation

**Representing:**

Nebraska Chapter - Sierra Club

**Representing:**

League of Nebraska Municipalities

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB636, introduced by Sen. Albrecht, adds a new section prohibiting political subdivisions in Nebraska from enacting or implementing legislation or policy resolution, rules, or policy that acts to restrict or prohibit the types of fuel or fuel sources

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which may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by a) A natural gas utility; (b) A natural gas transmission company; or (c) A retail marketer or dispenser of propane to serve customers that each is authorized to serve.

The provisions of LB636 do not apply to limit the ability of a municipality that owns its own gas utility from enacting rules, regulations or policies governing their own business practices.

Section by Section

Sec. 1. New statutory language found in the bill.

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Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson