



# Legislative Update

January 2024



# Agenda

- State legislative update
- Federal legislative update

# State legislative session for 2024

- Short session
- Session starts January 3
- Last day for bill introduction is January 17
- Public hearings start January 22
- Rules changes
- Social issues
- Holdover bills
- Bills we have not seen/curveballs
- LB399 – wind for export changes
- LB255 – eminent domain
- Broadband/  
Dark Fiber
- Weatherization funding
- EVs
- Potential NEMA changes
- Deceptive practices for door-to-door solar installers
- Raising the sealed bid threshold
- Board salary increases

# State Legislation

## 1. **Broadband**

LB61 is a bill to repeal the dark fiber statutes (SD 5 & 11)

## 2. **Weatherization funding**

LB237 will seek state funding for weatherization (SD 5 & 7)

## 3. **Metro Community College Site Funding**

Metro to use some “shovel ready” money available from LB1023/LB531 for on-site improvements (SD 8 & 11)

## 4. **Decommissioning & Resource Adequacy**

Some state senators have discussed giving the Nebraska Power Review Board (PRB) limited authority of electric utility decommissioning of

generating plants and resource adequacy requirements. (SD 4, 7, 9, 11, &15; EF 1)

## 5. **Repeal/modify Wind for Export statute**

Legislation (LB399) introduced to repeal or modify the wind for export statutes. (SD 4, 7, 9, 11, &15; EF 1)

## 6. **EV**

Legislation introduced that would include how electricity will be sold at EV charging stations, by the kWh. (SD 1, 2, & 7)

## 7. **Net Metering**

(SD 1, 5, & 7)

## 8. **Eminent Domain Changes**

Eminent domain bills have been introduced during the 2023 session. (SD 4, 7, 9, & 11; EF 1)

## 9. **No renewable energy on prime farmland**

(SD 4, 7, 9, & 11; EF 1)

## 10. **Partisan elections for public power districts**

LB541 was introduced in 2023 and will be pushed in the 2024 session.

## 11. **Certification for solar Installers/deceptive marketing practices**

State legislation introduced/enacted in other states to make solar installers get certifications with state electrical offices

and to stop on deceptive marketing/selling practices. (SD 5)

## 12. **Nuclear issues**

Legislation will likely be introduced to get the state ready to install small modular and micro reactors. (SD 4, 7, 9, & 11; EF 1)

## 13. **ESG-related bills**

State legislation introduced/enacted in other states to prohibit states and municipalities from contracting with banks that have certain environmental, social, and governance (ESG) policies. (SD 2, 3, & 15)

# Federal issues for 2024 and beyond

- Funding/continuing resolution
- National security supplemental funding
- Ukraine and Israel funding
- NDAA – *passed*
- Military promotions
- Farm Bill
- Guidance on several pivotal Inflation Reduction Act provisions
- House vs. Senate
- Oversight
- IRA/IIJA issues

# Federal Legislation

- 1. IRA/IIJA issues**  
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9)
- 2. Appropriations**  
(SD 2, 4, 9, 15)
- 3. Transmission**  
(SD 2, 4, 9)
- 4. PURPA reform**  
(SD 4, 9)
- 5. Climate legislation**  
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9)
- 6. Hydropower**  
(SD 4, 7, 9)
- 7. Permitting reform**  
(SD 7, 9)
- 8. Cyber & physical grid security**  
(SD 4, 6, 12, 15)
- 9. Energy efficiency**  
(SD 5, 7, 9)
- 10. Electric vehicles**  
(SD 2, 5, 7, 11, 13)
- 11. Comparable incentives**  
(SD 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11)
- 12. Restore advanced refunding**  
(SD 2, 3)
- 13. LIHEAP funding**  
(SD 5, 9, 15)
- 14. Energy workforce**  
(SD 6, 8)
- 15. Nuclear issues**  
(SD 6, 7, 9, 15)
- 16. Private use restrictions**  
(SD 2, 3, 9, 15)
- 17. Weatherization**  
(SD 5, 6, 7)
- 18. Environmental legislation**  
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15)
- 19. Clean energy standards**  
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9, 15)
- 20. Carbon tax**  
(SD 2, 3, 7, 9, 15)
- 21. Electrification**  
(SD 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15)
- 22. Renewable tax credits**  
(SD 2, 3, 4, 7, 9)
- 23. Build America Bonds**  
(SD 2, 3, 15)
- 24. Missouri River issues**  
(SD 4, 6, 7, 9, 15)
- 25. Supply chain issues**  
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9, 15)
- 26. Cadillac taxes on health care**  
(SD 2, 6, 8)
- 27. Farm bill provisions**  
(SD 2, 7)
- 28. ESG issues**  
(SD 2, 3, 15)

# Next Steps: OPPD Board Communication Process

- Weekly recaps
- Directors Updates
- Legislative bill status updates
- Monthly Customer and Public Engagement (CPE) updates at pre-committee meetings
- Board committee meeting updates



# Appendix





# Local Update

Q1 2024 Preview



# Recent & Upcoming Community Meetings

DATE	JURISDICTION
Jan. 3	South Bend Village Board
Jan. 4	Washington County Planning Commission
Jan. 9	Village of Murray (finalize solar regulations)
Jan. 10	Burt County Supervisors
Jan. 15	Arlington Village Board
Jan. 16	Gretna City Council
Jan. 23	Gretna Planning Commission
Jan. 25	York County Rotarians
Jan. 29	SE Sarpy County Road Project