



# Government Affairs Update

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# State Legislative Update



# 2022 NE Legislature Elections

- 24 Legislative seats up for election, including 13 open seats in which the current Senator is either term-limited, or chose not to seek another term. 11 Senators are seeking a second term. The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8th.
  - Half of the seats up for election every other year, rotating even and odd numbered districts.
- Along with half of the members of the Legislature, the governorship is also an open seat as Governor Ricketts is term limited. Unlike the Legislature, the Governors' races are partisan, but have the same term lengths and limits.

# 2023 Nebraska Legislative Calendar

Nebraska's 108<sup>th</sup> Legislature, First Session


- 90-day session
- January 4<sup>th</sup> – First day of session
- January 18<sup>th</sup> – Last day of bill introduction
- Other key items TBD based on Speaker & Committee Appointments
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Sine Die
  - The calendar is subject to revision by the Speaker of the 108<sup>th</sup> Legislature, but will be finalized and distributed before January 4<sup>th</sup>.

# 2023 OPPD Legislative Bills

These issues have been brought to the forefront to have OPPD take a leading role to champion. We view this process as a 2-year journey.

- Broadband – Seek to repeal the dark fiber statutes to help expand broadband coverage across the state. This could also incorporate a repeal of the challenge of safe harbor rates under LB992.
- Seek to have critical/essential utility workers classified as emergency personnel in declared emergencies in order to protect our communities while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety.
- Weatherization funding – This legislation will seek state funding for weatherization efforts to upgrade more homes in order to lower utility bills permanently.

# New for 2023 - Bill Tracker



**OPPD**  
Omaha Public Power District

## OPPD Weekly Legislative Update

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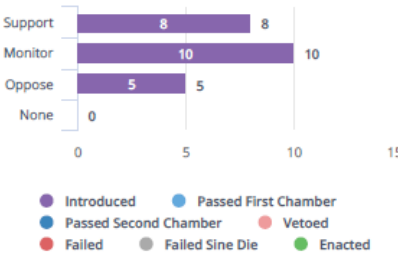
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**Executive Summary**  
Weekly update of key legislation we are tracking along with their status

**All Team Actions**

No data to show

**Bills by Last Status and Position**



Status	Count
Support	8
Monitor	10
Oppose	5
None	0

**Team Actions**

No actions to show.

**Bills by Priority**  
Recently Updated Bills (6)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NE	LB 512	Brewer Am 1620 Filed 2022 02 02	In Legislature	Support	High	0.0% 0.0%

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**Title**  
LB512 - Adopt the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act

**Introduction Date:** 2021-01-19

**Labels:** NPA SUPPORTS

**Primary Sponsors**  
Tom Brewer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NE	LB 804	Placed On General File 2022 02 03	In Legislature	Support	High	0.0% 0.0%

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**Title**  
LB804 - Change compensation of certain members of the Nebraska Power Review Board

**Introduction Date:** 2022-01-06

**Labels:** NPA SUPPORTS

**Primary Sponsors**  
Dan Hughes

**Organizational Notes**  
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Any key information the Board is seeking that is most important to you? Or any feedback?

# Next Steps

- Update legislative preview after elections
- Finalize 2023 state legislative bill tracker
- Continue Senator and stakeholder meetings
- NPA legislative subcommittee meetings and retreat
- Continue interim hearings