

Good Morning Chairman Porter and members of the committee.

For the record, my name is Dave Nehring, representative from District 8.

I'm bringing House Bill 1455 before you this morning.

The intent of this legislation is to provide a process for owners of electrical generation facilities to follow upon decision of retirement. There was a previous version 1292 that was initially offered. In consultation with the Utilities Working Group on Jan 19, it was apparent that they felt that the bill in it's current form would add additional costs and constraints, and could lead to higher utility costs. We drafted 1455 in an attempt to address those concerns, and held a zoom conference to discuss the differences. On Jan 28, they offered a different amended version – this led to several calls and conferences in an attempt to come to a cooperative plan.

What you will see before you is a compromise, and what I believe is just a starting point, so that we can move forward together to work on meaningful legislation that will provide some reassurances to employees, families, and businesses in

coal country that all options would have been considered ahead of a plant retirement. This amendment does enable the Public Service Commission to accept public comment regarding a pending retirement.

I'll stand for questions.