NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU

# 2026 POLICY GUIDES

## Nameplate Capacity Incentives

### Issue

The demand for energy is growing exponentially. During the 2026 Nebraska legislative session, legislation was introduced to create uniform standards for permitting renewable energy projects. Nebraska Farm Bureau (NEFB) currently does not have specific policy focused on this particular issue.

### Background

LB 1204 was introduced in the 2026 Nebraska legislative session. Although it did not come out of committee, it intended to establish a voluntary program for counties willing to use uniform standards for the permitting of wind, solar and energy storage facilities, while increasing the share of nameplate capacity tax revenue distributed to counties where such facilities are located.

If enacted, LB 1204 would have created the Nameplate Capacity Tax Facility Standards Act that would have established standards for setbacks, noise, decommissioning, shadow flicker, lighting, road use and visual screening. The bill also included agricultural protection for affected landowners. Permit application procedures and timelines would have been established for county review of proposed facilities.

As an incentive, LB 1204 would have expanded the nameplate capacity tax to include energy storage resources co-located with renewable generation facilities and changed the distribution of tax revenue for facilities permitted after the operative date, increasing the county share from approximately 22% to 95%.

### Farm Bureau Policy

***NONE***

### Questions

- Should Nebraska Farm Bureau support or oppose voluntary programs like this?
- Should there be standards for nameplate capacity taxes, setbacks, noise, decommissioning, shadow flicker, lighting, road use, visual screening and agricultural protection for affected landowners that must be met by project developers?