

HB 475 -- EMINENT DOMAIN FOR UTILITY PROJECTS

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This bill prohibits the use of eminent domain by electrical corporations for the construction or erection of any plant, tower, panel, or facility that:

(1) Uses, captures, or converts wind or air currents to generate or manufacture electricity; or

(2) Uses, captures, or converts the light or heat generated by the sun to generate or manufacture electricity.

The bill specifies that the authority of any corporation to condemn property extends to the acquisition of rights needed for collection, distribution, and transmission lines and to other facilities needed to collect and deliver energy generated or manufactured by solar or wind facilities.

This bill is the same as HB 1750 (2024) and HB 1052(2023).