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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB929

Chairperson: Senator Mike Moser

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 22, 2024

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB929 ensures that the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the 911 service system have the capability to interconnect individuals within these emergency lines and receive communications from one another. This interoperability will help ensure that individuals who contact 911, but may need a mental health crisis response, are connected to trained mental health professionals.

Specifically, LB929 requires the Nebraska Public Service Commission to adopt statewide standards for technical enhancement, support, training and quality assurance that will enable public safety answering points to utilize the 988 system for individuals in psychological distress by January 1, 2025.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Fredrickson