

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB914

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 08, 2022
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Bostelman
One Liner: Require the Public Service Commission to create and maintain a broadband map and data repository

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, M., Friesen, Geist, Hughes, Moser
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator DeBoer
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bruce Bostelman
Tim Schram
Burke Brown
Al Juhnke
John Hansen
Danny DeLong

Representing:

Introducer
NE PSC
NSEA
NE Pork Producers, etal
NE Farmers Union
AARP NE

Opponents:

Tip O'Neill
John Idoux
Brian Thompson

Representing:

NTA
Lumen / CenturyLink
Consolidated Companies & NE Advocacy Group

Neutral:

Cullen Robbins

Representing:

Director, NE PSC

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

A REVISED VERSION OF LB914 WAS AMENDED INTO LB1144. REFER TO THE LB1144 COMMITTEE STATEMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

The bill creates a new provision of law that requires the Public Service Commission to create and maintain a Nebraska fabric location broadband access map. The map shall show broadband availability and quality of service for all locations in Nebraska.

The Commission may contract with 3rd parties to create and maintain the map. Any information provided by broadband

providers that is confidential or proprietary shall be maintained as such by the Commission.

The following entities are required to provide information to the Commission:

Entities receiving support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund;

Any grant recipient or participant from the Broadband Bridge Act;

Any grant recipient of federal funding that is administered by the Commission.

When the Federal Communications Commission completes the national Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric and National Broadband Availability Map the Commission shall annually determine the need to maintain the state map created by the act.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson