

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB1101**

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**Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 08, 2022**

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

Amends the Broadband Bridge Act in the following ways:

1. Requires the Public Service Commission to consider the best available speed when determining whether to provide funding for a broadband infrastructure project.
2. Shifts the burden to the incumbent carrier to demonstrate they are providing services at the required speeds.
3. When considering a challenge, the commission shall consider any infrastructure in an incumbents service territory and ensure the incumbent is justly compensated for that infrastructure.
4. Amends the scoring criteria under the Broadband Bridge Act to incentivize projects in truly rural areas.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Bruce Bostelman**