

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB576**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday March 04, 2025  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Dorn  
**One Liner:** Change provisions of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act relating to surcharges and public hearings

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 5 Senators Moser, Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, Storer  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:** 3 Senators DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Myron Dorn  
Jon Cannon  
Michael Dwyer  
Jeremy McCoy  
Lash Chaffin

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Nebraska State Volunteer Fire Fighters Association  
Hamilton County Sheriff  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Opponents:**

Chris Peterson

**Representing:**

Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association  
(Registered Lobbyist)

**Neutral:**

Tim Schram

**Representing:**

Nebraska Public Service Commission

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB576 increases the surcharge cap that wireless carriers must collect for remittance to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for 911 services, from seventy cents to one dollar. When meeting to determine the surcharge amount, the PSC must decide what amount maximizes operational support for all public safety answering points in the state.

Section 1 – Amends section 86-457 – Wireless carrier surcharges.



Increases the surcharge cap collected by wireless carriers from up to seventy cents to up to one dollar. Removes language reducing that limit to fifty cents in counties containing a city of the metropolitan class. Wireless carriers must remit surcharges to the PSC monthly for credit to the 911 Services System Fund.

Section 2- Amends section 86-458 – PSC public hearings.

When meeting annually to determine the surcharge amount for the following year, the PSC must now determine the amount that maximizes operational support for all public safety answering points in the state.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

LB576 no longer raises the cap on surcharges to one dollar for all wireless carriers in the state. Instead, the provision allowing a lower cap of fifty cents in counties with cities of the metropolitan class is removed. The surcharge cap of seventy cents is now consistent all across the state.

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Mike Moser, Chairperson

