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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB911

Chairperson: Senator Annette Dubas

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2014

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

LB911 creates the Nebraska 911 Act. Technology advancements have changed the public's expectations of their ability to communicate for emergency services; from landline telephones, to cell phones, to Internet based communication services. Nationwide, states are implementing "next-generation 911". Pursuant to Neb Rev. Stats. 86-471 the Public Service Commission is in the process of conducting a study on the implementation of next-generation 911.

The Act is intended to be an initial step, once the study is completed further statutory changes may be necessary.

The Act gives authority to the Public Service Commission to develop a plan to implement next-generation 911 statewide.

The Act creates the Next-Generation 911 Advisory Council to advise the Public Service Commission.

Updates statutes in a technology neutral way to include a functional equivalent of telephone communication.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Annette Dubas