

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB629

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: March 02, 2015

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

LB 629 seeks to establish a comprehensive framework for the Public Service Commission to regulate companies like Lyft and Uber; commonly referred to as transportation network companies (TNC).

As drafted, LB 629 would create a statutory regulatory framework for TNCs as a new classification of transportation service provider under the Nebraska Public Service Commission. Under LB 629, TNCs would be required to carry appropriate levels of insurance, conduct thorough criminal background checks on their drivers, and execute vehicle inspections by certified mechanics. Lastly, the Nebraska Public Service Commission is provided authority to collect fees, enforce all new requirements on TNCs, and investigate complaints against TNCs.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Heath Mello