

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 166**

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the report of the Rural Broadband Task Force that was created by Laws 2018, LB994. The task force is charged with studying issues relating to broadband availability, quality, and affordability in rural areas and comparability to broadband services in urban areas. According to section 86-1102, the task force is required to present its findings in a report to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council by November 1, 2019, and the task force is to examine issues relating to availability, adoption, and affordability of broadband services in rural Nebraska. This interim study shall review the report of the task force and invite testimony from stakeholders regarding the recommendations of the task force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.