

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 175**

Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to ensure accelerated broadband deployment statewide. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Whether the Nebraska Public Service Commission has sufficient authority to effectuate the withholding and redistribution of Universal Service Fund support called for by the Rural Broadband Task Force;

(2) Changes needed to carry out the recommendations of the Rural Broadband Task Force;

(3) The need for improved mapping of areas of the state unserved and underserved by broadband;

(4) Changes needed to facilitate public-private partnerships in the deployment of broadband;

(5) Any impediments placed by the government that should be removed or modified to ensure accelerated broadband deployment;

(6) Federal agencies or officials needed to secure more telecommunications infrastructure support for Nebraska; and

(7) How to best distribute financial support to ensure accelerated broadband deployment.

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.