

AMENDMENTS TO LB498

Introduced by Transportation and Telecommunications.

1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. (1) The Public Service Commission shall implement a
3 broadband service testing and mapping program designed to provide
4 information on broadband availability and broadband speeds received by
5 telecommunications service subscribers in Nebraska. The commission may
6 contract with third-party contractors to test, validate, and map
7 broadband service availability and speeds for purposes of the program.

8 (2) The broadband service testing and mapping program shall utilize
9 independent computing devices that are first-in-line to the
10 telecommunications service provider connection, independent of all other
11 subscriber-premise personal equipment used for measuring broadband
12 speeds, which can test and validate broadband service availability and
13 speeds at the telecommunications service subscriber's premises, with the
14 subscriber's prior consent.

15 (3) The Public Service Commission shall utilize the broadband
16 service testing and mapping program to provide validation information in
17 a public broadband map, and may share such map with the Federal
18 Communications Commission for any purpose the Public Service Commission
19 deems necessary. The data collected and map developed shall be made
20 available to the public on the Public Service Commission's web site.

21 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the
22 Public Service Commission from using other methods deemed appropriate by
23 the commission in conducting speed testing and developing maps.