

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1021

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 08, 2022
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Friesen
One Liner: Provide for regulation of certain telecommunications companies by the Public Service Commission

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, M., Friesen, Geist, Hughes, Moser
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator DeBoer
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Curt Friesen
Mary Ridder

Representing:

Introducer
NE PSC

Opponents:

Tip O'Neill
John Idoux

Representing:

NTA
Lumen / CenturyLink

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

A REVISED VERSION OF LB1021 WAS AMENDED INTO LB1144. REFER TO THE LB1144 COMMITTEE STATEMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Amends section 86- 324; Nebraska Universal Service Fund, Purpose, Authority of the Public Service Commission.

Currently the Commission has the authority to subject recipients of funding from the Universal Service Fund to service quality, customer service, and billing requirements to the extent of telecommunications services provided by a receiving company are eligible for support from the Universal Service Fund.

LB 1021 amends the section to add affordability to the requirements the Commission may regulate and also provides that the quality of service obligations will also apply to broadband service offerings made by recipient companies who receive broadband support from the fund.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson