

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB656

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 09, 2021
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Wayne
One Liner: Authorize municipalities to provide broadband and Internet services

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Albrecht, Friesen, Geist, Hughes, Moser
Nay:	1	Senator Cavanaugh, M.
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Bostelman, DeBoer

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Justin Wayne
Lash Chaffin
Jon Cannon

Representing:
Introducer
League of NE Municipalities
NACO

Opponents:
Tip O'Neill
Jim Ediger

Representing:
President NE Telecommunications Assn
Hamilton Telecommunications & NE Advocacy Group

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Representing:

Opponents:
John Idoux
Sean Kelley

Representing:
CenturyLink
NE Internet & Television Assn

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would allow municipalities to provide broadband services or Internet services on a retail or wholesale basis. Broadband is defined by referencing Section 86-593, which is "in excess of 200 kilobits per second."

Curt Friesen, Chairperson