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: 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:

Submitted Written Testimony:
Proponents: John Idoux
Sean Kelley
Representing:
CenturyLink
NE Internet & Television Assn

Opponents: Representing:

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.”