

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1199

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 23, 2022

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1199 proposes that \$25 million in federal American Rescue Plan funding be appropriated to the Department of Administrative Services office of the Chief Information Officer to establish a program to provide portable and mobile radios and the programming, installation and training necessary to volunteer fire and rescue departments to establish interoperability with the Statewide Radio System.

The Chief Information Officer shall not charge any subscription, programming, or training fee for any volunteer department connected to the Statewide Radio System after receiving a grant from the program. Priority shall be given to volunteer fire and rescue departments along Interstate 80 in Nebraska. By achieving interoperable communications between state agencies and volunteer fire and rescue departments, the public safety of Nebraskans and visitors to our state will be greatly enhanced.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike McDonnell