

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB683**

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**Chairperson: Senator Suzanne Geist**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 07, 2023**

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

LB 683 would establish the Nebraska Broadband Office and the position of Director of Broadband.

For administrative purposes the Nebraska Broadband Office shall be located in the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The Director of Broadband is appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be subject to Legislative confirmation.

The Nebraska Broadband Office shall:

- 1) provide outreach and collaboration of state and local officials;
- 2) develop the strategic broadband plan;
- 3) coordinate state broadband efforts;
- 4) conduct state advocacy on broadband issues at the federal level; and
- 5) provide for public education, resources and outreach.

LB 683 amends current law and directs that the Nebraska Broadband Office shall take over and be responsible for the creation and maintenance of the State Broadband Map.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Suzanne Geist, Chairperson  
Transportation and Telecommunications Committee**