

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 666

Introduced by Storer, 43.

Read first time January 22, 2025

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Communications Sustainability
- 2 Act; to amend section 86-1505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 3 to change provisions relating to duties of the Public Service
- 4 Commission; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 86-1505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 86-1505 After a granting agency makes final payment of public funds
4 under a broadband deployment program to a competitive provider in a
5 deployment project area that is part of a local exchange area served by
6 an incumbent carrier, upon request by the incumbent carrier or
7 competitive provider the commission expeditiously shall:

8 (1) Upon finding that the granting agency has determined the
9 competitive provider is in compliance with all requirements of the
10 broadband deployment program, relieve the incumbent carrier of eligible
11 telecommunications carrier obligations and carrier of last resort
12 obligations in the deployment project area;

13 (2) Consistent with rules of procedure adopted and promulgated by
14 the commission, make determinations related to allocations and
15 distributions of support from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal
16 Service Fund for the deployment project area; and

17 (3) In coordination with the Federal Communications Commission, and
18 in consultation with the incumbent carrier and the competitive provider,
19 determine whether eligible telecommunications carrier and carrier of last
20 resort obligations corresponding with support from the Nebraska
21 Telecommunications Universal Service Fund in the deployment project area
22 should be transferred to the competitive provider.

23 **Sec. 2.** Original section 86-1505, Reissue Revised Statutes of
24 Nebraska, is repealed.