

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		See below		See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		See below		See below

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 661 changes provisions related to certain telecommunication related surcharges collected by the Public Service Commission (PSC).

Section 1 changes the provisions related to the surcharge for the Nebraska Telephone Relay. Currently, that surcharge is applied to telephone access lines in Nebraska, including cellular telephone service. The bill's provisions eliminate the words "cellular telephone" and replace them with "wireless". This change in language opens the surcharge to non-cell phone wireless devices and, therefore, applies the surcharge to a greater number of devices. Since these devices do not currently have the surcharge applied to them, accurate data regarding how widespread their utilization is is lacking. The additional surcharge collection cannot be determined.

In several sections regarding 911 service, references to "local exchange access lines, or their equivalent" are stricken and replaced with "telephone numbers of functional equivalents". Further clarification is provided by adding language stating that surcharges in those sections are not applied "for those service users served by wireless carriers as defined in section 86-456."

Sections of statute dealing with Enhanced Wireless 911 Service are amended to provide definitions for Prepaid Wireless service and Wireless Service. Section 13 (4) (a) requires the PSC to develop a mechanism to establish a surcharge to be collected by wireless carriers from users of prepaid wireless services. Again, this will likely increase remittances, but the amount cannot be determined since accurate data regarding utilization is lacking.

Section 14 (3) strikes language allowing the PSC to require an audit of remittances to the Enhanced Wireless 911 fund *at its own expense*. The bill's provisions allow the audits, but do not require them to occur at the PSC's expense. New language clarifies that the costs of any audit required by the PSC shall, at the PSC's discretion, be paid by the audited wireless carrier.