

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 184

Introduced by Moser, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the deployment of broadband services within the State of Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of the activity of the Nebraska Public Service Commission in the administration of the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund high-cost program, the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, and the federal Capital Projects Fund;

(2) A review of the activity of the Broadband Office of the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the office's administration of the federal Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, including an examination of the need for legislation that would authorize municipalities and public power districts to enter partnerships with private telecommunications providers to offer broadband telecommunications services;

(3) A review of the potential implementation by the Nebraska Public Service Commission of the Rural Communications Sustainability Act from Legislative Bill 683 introduced by the One Hundred Eighth Legislature; and

(4) Taking public comment on the potential need to enact further legislation to ensure the long-term sustainability of rural high-cost broadband networks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report

of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.