

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 402

Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Bosn, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and monitor broadband expansion in Nebraska. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Projects being undertaken as a part of Nebraska's Broadband Bridge Program, the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity and Access Deployment Program, the United States Department of Agriculture's ReConnect Program, the Federal Communications Commission's Alternative Connect America Cost Model and Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model, and any other state or federal efforts for the expansion of broadband availability in Nebraska and whether funding through any of these programs will be sufficient to overcome any inflationary pressures affecting broadband expansion;

(2) State and federal resources allocated for maintenance and upkeep of current communications service providers as well as projected maintenance and upkeep needs of projects under development or soon to be under development; and

(3) Any other issues related to the expansion of broadband in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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.