

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB823

Hearing Date: January 22, 2008

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer(s): (Legislative Performance Audit Committee)

Title: Change the Information Technology Infrastructure Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File with Amendments

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Senators Aguilar, Fischer, Hudkins, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Schimek, Stuthman
0 No	
1 Absent	Senator Pedersen
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator DiAnna Schimek, Introducer
Brenda L. Decker

Representing:

District #27
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 823 clarifies the Nebraska Information Technology Commission's (NITC) duties and expands what IT projects will be reviewed by the Commission. The bill is the result of an examination performed by the Legislative Performance Audit Committee into the NITC in November 2007. The scope of the study included the Commission's compliance with the IT Infrastructure Act, the project review process, and the sufficiency of the Commission's authority to deal with project weaknesses.

Section by Section Summary

Section 2 amends § 86-516 to require governmental entities to submit all projects which use any combination of general funds, federal funds, or cash funds for information technology purposes. Current statute only requires submission of projects that use state-appropriated dollars. The Commission will establish a format for projects submissions. The Commission may also monitor the progress of submitted projects, including requiring progress reports.

Section 3 amends § 86-520 to expand the duties of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) to include monitoring the status of IT "enterprise" projects and to collect the information required from state agencies, boards, and commissions under this bill.

Section 4 amends § 86-521 by revising the makeup and authority of the NITC's Technical Panel. A representative of the project sector is removed. The panel's authority is expanded to include review of any project presented to the Commission.

Section 5 requires state agencies, boards and commissions every other year to report to the CIO an IT plan that includes an accounting of all technology assets, including planned acquisitions and upgrades.

Section 6 amends § 86-526 and the definition of an Enterprise Project. Intent language is stricken and replaced with authorizing the Commission to determine which proposed projects are considered enterprise projects. The Commission shall develop a program for the determination process.

Section 8 amends § 86-528 by striking language that requires the CIO to report the status of enterprise projects to the NITC, Governor and Legislature and to submit a semiannual progress report to the Legislature for enterprise projects funded through the IT Infrastructure Fund.

Section 9 amends § 86-529 to require the Commission to coordinate with the CIO to monitor the status of enterprise projects.

Section 10 amends § 86-530 to require the CIO to annually report to the Governor and Appropriations Committee on the status of enterprise projects.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment, AM 1614, makes a few technical changes to the bill. The amendment gives the NITC discretion on whether to require progress reports from an agency of an enterprise project.

The amendment also changes the reporting requirement of state agencies, board, and commissions from reporting their technology assets to reporting their technology plans. This will keep the NITC focused on future projects.

Additionally, AM 1614 narrows the scope of the NITC determining what is considered an enterprise project. The amendment removes the requirement that the commission create a program, but leaves the commission to create policies and procedures for the designation of the project.

Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson