

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 181

Introduced by Fischer, 43;

PURPOSE: Broadband Internet service has been widely held to be crucial to a community and its residents. Broadband networks can increase productivity and drive economic growth, improve education, and allow consumers to make more informed purchasing decisions. The Federal Communications Commission has stated that it believes wireless broadband, as well as other alternative broadband platforms, such as satellite and broadband over power lines, can create a competitive broadband marketplace and bring the benefits of lower prices, better quality, and greater innovation to consumers. Municipal-provided wireless Internet has become an avenue being explored in communities across the nation, including several who have such a service up and running.

The committee will examine the current municipal-provided wireless Internet services and their overall success, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of providing such a system. The study will also consider the implications of Laws 2005, LB 645, and what restrictions current law places on municipal-provided wireless Internet service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.