



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 297

Chairperson: Deb Fischer
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: January 30, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Current statutes provide for a surcharge on each telephone access line in the State of Nebraska for the purpose of carrying out the Telecommunications Relay System Act. The Public Service Commission is allowed to set this surcharge at the level necessary to fund the statewide telecommunications relay system and specialized telecommunications equipment program at a rate not to exceed 20 cents per month on each telephone access line.

Current law states that the amount appropriated for the specialized telecommunications equipment program from the fund shall not exceed the revenue generated by one cent of the surcharge per month. The intent of this bill is to eliminate the language limiting what part of the fund can be spent on telecommunications equipment thereby allowing the Public Service Commission to use the entire fund in whatever way they see fit and where it is needed most.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Dwite Pedersen