

Chairperson:Deb FischerCommittee:Transportation and TelecommunicationsDate of Hearing:January 30, 2007

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

LB 660 amends the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act to ensure language is consistent with federal statute in light of recent FCC decisions requiring Voice over Internet Protocol providers (VoIP providers) to contribute to the federal Universal Service Fund.

The bill adds a definition of telecommunications to the Act, and makes technical changes to the definition of telecommunications company. These changes will require VoIP providers to contribute to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund as well.

Principal Introducer:

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