

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB723**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 01, 2010  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Fischer  
**One Liner:** Change surcharge remittance requirements for telephone companies

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Campbell, Fischer, Gay, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh,  
Louden, Stuthman

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Dusty Vaughan  
Jerry Vap

**Representing:**

Senator Fischer, Introducer  
self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 723 strikes the requirement that the Telecommunications Relay System surcharge must be remitted monthly and leaves it up to the Public Service Commission on when to collect the surcharge.

The Telecommunications Relay System is a telephone transmission service that provides the ability for a person who has a hearing or speech impairment to engage in wireline or wireless communication with a hearing person.

The System is funded through a monthly surcharge on all wireline and wireless lines in the state, and is set by the Commission. The surcharge is statutorily capped at \$.20, but is currently levied at \$.03 per month.

The bill amends Sec. 86-313 to strike the requirement that the proceeds from the surcharge be remitted to the commission monthly. This will allow the Commission to determine the timing of remittance through a rule or regulation.

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Deb Fischer, Chairperson