

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 443

Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review and monitor the progress of the National Broadband Plan proposed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on March 16, 2010. The plan's goals and recommendations include:

(1) Connecting one hundred million households to affordable 100 megabits per second service;

(2) Affordable access in every American community to ultra-high-speed broadband of at least 1 gigabit per second at anchor institutions such as schools, hospitals, and military installations;

(3) Making 500 megahertz of spectrum newly available for licensed and unlicensed use;

(4) Moving the nation's broadband adoption rates from roughly sixty-five percent to more than ninety percent; and

(5) Bringing affordable broadband to rural communities and vulnerable populations by transitioning existing Universal Service Fund support from analog technologies to digital infrastructure.

The study shall monitor the progression of the plan's implementation by the FCC and other federal agencies to determine the plan's impact upon existing Nebraska telecommunications policy.

In carrying out the purpose of this study, the committee may seek the input and assistance of broadband service providers, the Public Service Commission, and other interested entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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.