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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB217

Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2011

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

LB 217 would require prepaid wireless carriers to collect the Telecommunications Relay System surcharge and authorizes the Public Service Commission to establish a comparable surcharge rate and develop methods for collection and remittance.

The Telecommunications Relay System provides a statewide telecommunications relay system to enable a person with a hearing or speech disability to access the nation's telephone system to communicate with voice telephone users through a relay provider and a communications assistant. The surcharge also provides specialized telecommunications equipment for qualified users of the system.

The bill is modeled after the statutory provisions requiring prepaid wireless carriers to collect and remit the Wireless E 911 surcharge.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Deb Fischer