

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1003

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2016

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

LB 1003 would amend the Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Act to change the manner in which the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Surcharge is collected and remitted. The bill would require retailers selling prepaid wireless products to collect the USF surcharge at the point of sale and remit directly to the Public Service Commission.

Under current law, the Wireless E-911 Surcharge and the Telecommunications Relay System Surcharge is assessed, collected and remitted by the retailer. However, with respect to the USF surcharge, the wireless carrier determines the amount of surcharge owed per product and remits the money to the PSC. LB 1003 would treat the collection of all three prepaid wireless surcharges the same.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Smith