

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB652

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: March 10, 2015

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

LB 652 would propose the adoption of the 911 Emergency Services Communications Act.

In 2013 the Legislature enacted LB 595 which, in part, directed the Nebraska Public Service Commission (NPSC) to contract with a third party and conduct a study of NextGen 911 for the State of Nebraska. That report, the Nebraska Next Generation Telephone Communications Study, was delivered to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee on April 4, 2014.

Following the submission of the final report, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee introduced LR 537 for study during the 2014 interim. LR 537 included the direction that the study could examine new legislation necessary to enable the state to move forward with the implementation of Next Generation 911 and the need to consolidate existing statutes and funding streams for 911 services.

LB 652 is the product of the interim work that was undertaken pursuant to LR 537. The legislation is the product of the efforts of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board. LB 652 designates the NPSC as the statewide governing authority, provides planning and implementation authority, establishes a uniform and consolidated wireline/wireless 911 surcharge, and creates a Statewide 911 Advisory board.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Smith, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications Committee