

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB966**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 15, 2018  
**Committee On:** Revenue  
**Introducer:** Friesen  
**One Liner:** Provide a sales and use tax exemption relating to dark fiber

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brasch, Friesen, Groene, Harr, Larson, Lindstrom,  
Schumacher, Smith

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Curt Friesen  
Gary Warren

Curt Bromm  
Sarah Curry  
Eric Carstenson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska State Chamber, Hamilton  
Telecommunications, Nebraska Link  
Verizon Communications  
Platte Institute  
Nebraska Telecommunications

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

Legislative Bill 966 would update Nebraska statutes to clarify that dark fiber is a component part of providing telecommunications service. Dark fiber means any unused fiber optic cable through which no light is transmitted or any installed fiber optic cable not carrying a signal.

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Jim Smith, Chairperson