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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB157

Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 13, 2017

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

LB 157 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 are already 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 157 would treat the collection of all three prepaid wireless surcharges the same.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Curt Friesen