

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 429

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine matters related to mapping broadband coverage throughout Nebraska. This interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Current best practices for mapping broadband coverage utilized in Nebraska and in other states;

(2) The accuracy of current broadband data maps in determining broadband conditions and coverage in Nebraska;

(3) The information collected by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Form 477 and the accuracy of that information in demonstrating service availability;

(4) Possible changes to current broadband coverage mapping techniques to develop more accurate broadband coverage maps, specifically in rural Nebraska;

(5) The inclusion in mapping of household level data and Internet speeds that do not consistently meet federal standards; and

(6) An analysis of whether proposed changes by the FCC to provide more accurate data will be sufficient to determine whether coverage in Nebraska census tracts and households will be accurately accounted for in the determination of broadband speeds available for those users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council

or Legislature.