

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB208**

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**Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 04, 2019**

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

LB 208 would exempt public-private partnerships from lease price and profit distribution regulations set by the Public Service Commission regarding dark fiber leases in order to increase access to and implementation of broadband throughout the State through the encouragement of public-private partnerships. The bill also provides a definition for a private partner, public-private partnership, and internet service provider.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Lynne Walz