

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB550

Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 19, 2019

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

LB550 decreases or eliminates taxes and fees on wireless and prepaid wireless services. Currently Nebraska has the second highest taxes on these services in the country, which has a negative impact on both consumers and wireless service providers.

LB550:

- Requires voter approval for municipalities to levy an additional tax or fee on wireless and prepaid wireless services
- Lowers the cap of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Surcharge from seventy cents to thirty five cents
- Removes the additional fee on prepaid wireless services by eliminating the Prepaid Wireless Surcharge
- Section 2 strikes language that includes wireless service from being subject to a surcharge not to exceed twenty cents per month. These funds are currently remitted to the Telecommunications Relay System Fund.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Vargas