

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB215

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 23, 2021
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Hughes
One Liner: Change 911 service surcharge provisions

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, M., DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hughes, Moser
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Hughes
Kathy Allen
Dan Watermeier
Jon Cannon

Representing:

Introducer
Douglas County 911, Douglas County Board
NE Public Service Commission
NACO

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Lash Chaffin

Representing:

League of NE Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 215 would strike language that currently prevents a county that contains a city of the metropolitan class from increasing the \$0.50 cap on the uniform monthly surcharge for 911 service on each (landline) telephone number or functional equivalent of service users whose primary place of use is within the county. All other Nebraska counties may increase this surcharge by an additional \$0.50. The bill would create uniform rules and allow all counties to collect up to \$1.00.

Additionally, the bill would strike language that currently caps the surcharge a wireless carrier may collect for 911 service at

\$0.50 per month for each active telephone number or functional equivalent from users of wireless service in a county with the city of the metropolitan class whose primary place of use is in the county. The surcharge is then remitted in accordance with section 86-459. In all other counties, wireless carriers may collect a surcharge of up to \$0.70. This bill would create uniform rules and allow all counties to collect up to \$0.70.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson