

# **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB761**

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**Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 15, 2022**

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

The bill creates the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Act to incentivize the adoption of precision agriculture connectivity, sustainability, traceability, and autonomy. The Department of Economic Development will administer the program to provide grants to broadband providers to offer 50/50 mbps speeds to on-farm structures and devices. Providers will have to complete their project within 12 months and are subject to speed tests. In addition, grants will be provided to an ag producer, cooperative, or agronomist for solutions and products that promote traceability, soil health, water efficiency, or autonomous solutions.

\$10 million in federal ARPA funds will fund the program, with half being used for broadband providers and half being used for producers/coops.

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

**Senator Myron Dorn**