

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 498**

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to broadband services; to require the Public
- 2 Service Commission to implement a broadband service testing and
- 3 mapping program as prescribed.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   (1) The Public Service Commission shall implement a  
2 broadband service testing and mapping program designed to provide  
3 information on broadband availability and broadband speeds received by  
4 telecommunications service subscribers in Nebraska.

5           (2) The commission may contract with third-party contractors to  
6 test, validate, and map broadband service availability and speeds for  
7 purposes of the program. As a condition for receiving Nebraska  
8 Telecommunications Universal Service Fund support, each  
9 telecommunications company receiving universal service support shall be  
10 required to submit data to the commission for testing under the program.

11           (3) The program may utilize independent computing devices that are  
12 first-in-line to the telecommunications service provider connection,  
13 independent of all other subscriber-premise personal equipment used for  
14 measuring broadband speeds, which can test and validate broadband service  
15 availability and speeds at the telecommunications service subscriber's  
16 premises, with the subscriber's prior consent.

17           (4) The commission shall utilize the program to provide validation  
18 information in a public broadband map, and may share such map with the  
19 Federal Communications Commission for any purpose the Public Service  
20 Commission deems necessary.

21           (5) The data collected and map developed shall be made available to  
22 the public on the commission's web site.