

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 176

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the provision of broadband telecommunication services within the state. The study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) The availability, quality, and affordability of broadband telecommunications services within the state;

(2) The operation of federal subsidies administered by the Federal Communications Commission to support the provision of broadband service;

(3) Review mechanisms developed by the Public Service Commission (PSC) for the distribution of broadband support, including procedures employed to ensure recipients account for the use of funding;

(4) Review the efforts of the PSC and of other states to effectuate reform of the contributions methodology employed to support universal service programs; and

(5) Examine the feasibility of authorizing the establishment of municipal broadband authorities for the provision of broadband telecommunications services by political subdivisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.