

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB523**

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**Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 13, 2017**

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

LB523 relates to the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund, a program developed to provide financial assistance for infrastructure projects that bring broadband service to underserved areas of the state. The purpose of the bill is to strike the requirement that the eligible service provider of telecommunications provide matching funds of at least twenty five percent of total projected cost in order to qualify for assistance under this program.

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

Senator Lynne Walz