

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1214**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 08, 2022  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Geist  
**One Liner:** Change provisions of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, M., Friesen, Geist, Hughes, Moser
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator DeBoer
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Suzanne Geist  
Julia Plucker

**Representing:**

Introducer  
NE Internet & Television Assoc

**Opponents:**

Andy Pollack

**Representing:**

NE Rural Broadband Alliance

**Neutral:**

Tim Schram

**Representing:**

NE PSC

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

A REVISED VERSION OF LB1214 WAS AMENDED INTO LB1144. REFER TO THE LB1144 COMMITTEE STATEMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Amends section 86-1306; Broadband Bridge Act, grant application scoring system.

Modifies rate comparability of an application shall be based upon comparable speed tiers offered by applicants.

Amends section 86-1308; project awards by the Commission.

Currently this section states that once a project award is made the applicant shall provide service in the application area until released from the obligation by the commission. The section is amended to provide that the applicant shall be obligated to provide service for 5 years from the date of the award.

Adds a new provision of law to the Broadband Bridge Act.

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States that nothing in the act shall authorize the regulation of terms, conditions, speed tier offerings, or prices of internet services offered in a project area.

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Curt Friesen, Chairperson