

Summary of **LB 1069**--Change technology purchase and funding provisions relating to educational service units. Introduced by Senator Adams, 1/21/2010; Education Committee Hearing scheduled for 2/2/2010

1. P. 3, lines 19: The leasing or purchase of any technology infrastructure hardware component* using state funds or local tax receipts and costing in excess of ten thousand dollars shall meet the technical standards as set by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.
2. P. 3, line 24: Changes the Chief Information Officer's responsibilities for bidding equipment and software for education entities from "shall" to "may".
3. P. 4, line 23: Purchases of any technology infrastructure hardware components paid for by 79-1241.01 or 79-1241.03 (**Core Services and Technology Infrastructure funds by ESUs**) shall be reviewed and approved by the technical panel before purchase to assure compliance with NITC technical standards if the cost of such component exceeds ten thousand dollars.
4. PP. 9-14: Introduces language concerning the technology funding distributions of educational service units.
5. PP. 14-15: Reinforces the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) as a political subdivision, but without taxing authority.
6. PP. 15-16: Allows the ESUCC to contract with an ESU for the employment of the ESUCC Executive Director or Distance Education Director, with supervision remaining with the ESUCC.
7. P. 18, line 10: Purchases of any technology infrastructure hardware component by the **ESUCC** shall be reviewed and approved by the technical panel before purchase to assure compliance with NITC technical standards if the cost of such component exceeds ten thousand dollars and such cost will be paid with state funds or local tax receipts.
8. P. 19, line 14: Exempts education-related political subdivisions from having to submit Technology Project proposals to the NITC for review and prioritization.
9. P. 19, line 17: Purchases of any technology infrastructure hardware component by an **education-related political subdivision (e.g. school districts and community colleges)** shall be reviewed and approved by the technical panel before purchase to assure compliance with NITC technical standards if the cost of such component exceeds ten thousand dollars and such cost will be paid with state funds or local tax receipts.
10. P. 22, line 8: Removes the 79-1233 'bidding for telecomputing and distance education equipment' from the required responsibilities of the Chief Information Officer.
11. P.23, line 14: Declares that NITC Technical Panel standards and guidelines shall not unnecessarily restrict the use of new technologies or prevent commercial competition, including competition with Network Nebraska.
12. P. 23, line 18: Declares that the findings of any technical review of any infrastructure hardware component shall be shared with the requesting entity within 60 days of receipt of the request by the Technical Panel.
13. P. 24, line 16: Declares that participation in Network Nebraska shall not be required for any educational entity except the University of Nebraska.
14. P. 24, line 20: **Removes "travel and conference costs" from necessary administrative costs billable to the participating entities of Network Nebraska.**
15. P. 24, line 24: Requires the Chief Information Officer to annually provide a detailed cost report to each participant and to the Legislative Fiscal Office.

* "Technology infrastructure hardware component" is not defined in LB 1069.

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