

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 226

Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine ways in which the Legislature provides oversight to hold state agencies accountable in the implementation of laws, and if legislation should be enacted to improve that oversight process. As a co-equal branch of government, it is the constitutional role of the Legislature to monitor state agencies as such agencies implement laws. Conducting oversight is every bit as important as passing legislation. A strong record of oversight will help maintain public confidence in the Legislature, and, more importantly, it will help the Legislature better serve Nebraska constituents and improve the quality of life for all Nebraskans.

The issues to be studied include, but are not limited to:

(1) The role of the Legislature and legislative committees in providing oversight of state agencies in the implementation of law; and

(2) Identification of resources and tools that might be needed to improve oversight functions.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council 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.