

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 163

Introduced by Hughes, 24; Armendariz, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine opportunities that increase recycling of municipal solid waste while also facilitating economic development and growth.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An analysis of ongoing instate efforts to divert more municipal solid waste from landfills into recycling and remanufacturing;

(2) An analysis of regional efforts to divert more municipal solid waste from landfills into recycling and remanufacturing;

(3) An examination of the potential for Nebraska to update existing law to develop and sustain private innovative solutions to managing municipal solid waste through the remanufacture of recycled materials into useful products of value for other Nebraska-based industries; and

(4) Recommendations for potential legislation to simultaneously increase recycling in Nebraska and promote economic growth.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee may seek the assistance of entities such as the League of Nebraska Municipalities, the Nebraska Recycling Council, the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Colorado General Assembly, the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 7, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, and any other entities the committee deems necessary.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.