

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 288

Introduced by Ashford, 20; Campbell, 25; Christensen, 44; Coash, 27;
Council, 11; Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to research issues related to standing for foster parents in removal proceedings. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the issues presented in the following Nebraska cases: In re Interest of Destiny S., 263 Neb. 255, 639 N.W.2d 400 (2002), and In re Interest of Jorius G. and Cheralee G., 249 Neb. 892, 546 N.W.2d 796 (1996);

(2) Consultation with foster parents, juvenile court judges, appropriate state agencies, and practitioners to research current practice under the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of section 43-285 and section 43-1314; and

(3) Research and develop findings on the appropriate conditions under which foster parents should have standing and for what purpose.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.