

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 266**

Introduced by Larson, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine state law as it pertains to weight limits for a single axle and a group of axles and the maximum load limits for motor vehicles, semitrailers, trailers, farm tractors, and implements of husbandry carrying agricultural products or commodities. The study shall also examine the exemptions to maximum load limits and permissible loads by permit, as well as the height, width, and length limits for motor vehicles, semitrailers, trailers, farm tractors, and implements of husbandry carrying agricultural products or commodities.

Agricultural producers utilize a variety of vehicles of varying sizes and weights to haul agricultural products and commodities. These vehicles, when manufactured, may be constructed in such a way that the vehicle alone exceeds applicable statutory limitations on size and weight. At the same time, technological advances have also improved to minimize the impact of these vehicles on roads despite exceeding statutory size and weight limits.

The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall conduct an interim study to invite testimony from agricultural commodity organizations, state and local government representatives, and other necessary stakeholders and to review all issues involved with the current use of vehicles hauling or carrying agricultural products or commodities and the practicality of adopting different size and weight limits for such vehicles. The interim study shall also consider any public safety concerns relating to the safe and practical operation of these vehicles by adoption of different size and weight limits, including, but not limited to, speed and distance limitations.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.