

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 163

Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of lead and other environmental pollutants on the health and well-being of Nebraska communities, particularly those located in historically marginalized or economically distressed areas. The study shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) An evaluation regarding how exposure to such pollutants correlates with increased rates of juvenile justice system involvement, lower educational attainment, and long-term negative health outcomes;

(2) An assessment as to how exposure to such pollutants correlates with increased rates of juvenile justice system involvement, lower educational attainment, and long-term negative health outcomes; and

(3) An examination of the geographic distribution of environmental hazards in relation to community demographics, school performance, and juvenile justice system statistics.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee may confer with state and local agencies, public health professionals, education stakeholders, juvenile justice experts, and community organizations to examine the prevalence and impact of lead and other pollutants in Nebraska neighborhoods.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.