

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 400

Introduced by Spivey, 13; Arch, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine economic development programs, policies, and incentives administered by the state. The study shall create a comprehensive inventory of state-administered economic development initiatives to improve transparency, coordination, fiscal oversight, and long-range strategic planning related to economic growth, workforce development, and community development across the state.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Reviewing economic development, workforce development, housing, infrastructure, financing, small business, and industry support programs administered by the Department of Economic Development, Department of Labor, Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation, Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Finance, State Department of Education, and any other relevant state agency;

(2) Identifying programs administered through quasi-public entities, public authorities, and state boards or commissions that provide economic or community development support;

(3) Cataloging tax incentives, credits, abatements, exemptions, and other tax expenditure programs designed to promote economic growth, investment, workforce development, housing development, or community revitalization;

(4) Examining state-administered federal pass-through programs that support economic development, workforce initiatives, housing, infrastructure, broadband expansion, and community development activities;

(5) Inventorying statutory and regulatory provisions that materially affect business formation, business expansion, site development, workforce

recruitment, capital investment, or regional economic competitiveness;

(6) Compiling, to the extent practicable, key information for each program or policy identified, including the administering agency or entity, statutory authority, funding source, most recent annual appropriation or tax expenditure amount, eligible recipients, geographic reach, stated policy objectives, performance metrics or evaluation mechanisms currently in use, application or qualification requirements, and any statutory sunset provisions or mandatory review requirements; and

(7) Identifying areas of program overlap, policy gaps, administrative complexity, or opportunities for improved coordination among state economic development efforts.

In conducting this interim study, the Revenue Committee of the Legislature may confer with representatives of relevant state agencies, economic development organizations, workforce development partners, business and industry representatives, local governments, community development organizations, any introducing senator's staff, and other stakeholders with expertise in Nebraska's economic development ecosystem.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.