

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 432

Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how current residential building codes affect the cost of rehabilitating older properties and if changes need to be made to such codes to lessen the cost of rehabilitation.

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

(1) An examination of which current residential building codes are not appropriate for existing older homes that were built to meet prior building codes;

(2) A determination of whether there is a certain date or version of the residential building code that was adequate for the safety of the inhabitants of such homes;

(3) A determination of whether any current version of the code would cause unnecessary cost increases, thereby lessening the affordability of such homes;

(4) An examination of which states currently have an alternative rehabilitation housing code and how such codes are implemented; and

(5) A determination of whether there are any additional ordinances or regulations that cities or the state place on rehabilitating residential housing that have the potential to increase costs.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Nebraska State Home Builders Association, the Nebraska Housing Developers Association, city officials, and other stakeholders with expertise in housing codes, ordinances, and construction.

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