

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 176

Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the establishment and recognition of tribal customary adoptions for Native American children in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Data regarding the number of children who have been and potentially will be eligible for tribal customary adoptions in Nebraska;

(2) Opportunities for public support and benefits for tribal customary adoption families;

(3) Best practices and statutory language employed by other states that recognize tribal customary adoptions; and

(4) Whether any statutory changes are necessary or useful in order to establish and recognize tribal customary adoptions for Native American children in Nebraska.

This study will also explore establishing and recognizing tribal customary adoptions as a permanency option for Native American children in Nebraska state court proceedings.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.