

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 582

Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: In 1996 the Legislature passed LB299 which created the Task Force on Unfunded Mandates. The task force was to identify and review all programs and services enacted by the Legislature which resulted or may result in an increase in expenditures of funds by the political subdivisions assigned to perform or provide the programs and services.

The purpose of this resolution is to review the work of the 1996 task force and study the impact of unfunded and underfunded mandates on counties and county governments. This study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Identification of any and all acts by the Legislature which impose current unfunded or underfunded mandated obligations on counties;

(2) The reduction in funds available for use by counties as a result of unfunded or underfunded mandates;

(3) Any corresponding increase in property taxes by counties to meet the requirements of unfunded or underfunded mandates;

(4) Identification of mandated but unfunded or underfunded programs or services which could be changed, eliminated, or repealed; and

(5) The impact on county finances of fees set by the state and whether such fees are appropriate.

The study committee shall seek input and any recommendations or proposals from interested individuals, groups, or other entities as the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans 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.