

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 595

Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the topic of food deserts and issues related to access to healthy food in Nebraska. The study shall:

(1) Review relevant literature and consult experts in nutrition and other relevant fields to identify factors that limit access to healthy, affordable food choices within rural and urban communities and demographic groups;

(2) Identify public and private initiatives that can stimulate private investment in grocery and other food-sourcing enterprises that serve communities and populations that lack access to healthy food and that can otherwise mitigate barriers to accessing healthy food;

(3) Compile a reference guide to public and private funding sources and state and federal economic development tools available to support public and private efforts to increase access to healthy food; and

(4) Examine the role of community organizations, economic development entities, local government agencies, and the private sector in expanding access to healthy food in underserved communities and populations and identify state interventions that can stimulate and support local efforts.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.