

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 188

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to adopting reward-based conservation programs that provide incentives to landowners and operators to adopt conservation practices.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Mechanisms to provide property tax relief for those individuals who voluntarily implement conservation practices that provide soil, water, and habitat conservation benefits;

(2) The benefits provided by such mechanisms, including increased irrigation efficiency, reduced regulatory oversight, and improved groundwater and surface water quality; and

(3) How to best structure a reward-based conservation program that recognizes and builds on the important role played by counties and the natural resources districts in setting local priorities.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.