

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 123

Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the collection, use, and protection of agricultural data in Nebraska with a focus on trade practices and consumer protection which is the focus of the Agricultural Data Protection Act introduced as LB525 in the First Session of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature. Agricultural data encompasses a wide range of information, from crop yields and soil conditions to livestock health and market trends, and is increasingly vital to the operation and profitability of Nebraska farms and ranches. The proliferation of digital technologies and data-driven practices in agriculture has led to a significant increase in the collection and storage of sensitive agricultural data by various corporations and entities. This has raised concerns regarding the potential for unauthorized use, sale, and sharing of farmers' and ranchers' data, which may lead to unfair trade practices and consumer protection issues.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The types of agricultural data being collected and utilized by corporations and other entities;
- (2) The existing legal and contractual frameworks governing the ownership, use, and transfer of agricultural data;
- (3) The potential for unfair trade practices and consumer protection issues arising from the unauthorized use or sale of farmers' and ranchers' data;
- (4) Best practices for data protection and security in the agricultural sector;
- (5) The impact of data sharing and aggregation on market transparency and competition; and

(6) Methods of protecting the data from third-party sales and unauthorized usage.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.