

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 240

Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how the Legislature can take a more coordinated, proactive, and intentional policy role in shaping economic development and innovation across Nebraska since the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

(1) Identifying key public and private partners who are working towards long term economic development throughout the state;

(2) Identifying current and emerging economic development challenges and opportunities because of the Covid-19 pandemic;

(3) Assessing the impact of federal American Rescue Plan Act funding on past, current, and future economic development;

(4) Providing recommendations for improving policy and coordination across legislative committees and exploring if forming a new legislative committee on economic development is appropriate; and

(5) Exploring strategies to measure and report on the impact of economic development.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with state agencies, economists, business leaders, labor representatives, local governments, community organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that legislative efforts are informed, comprehensive, and align with best practices.

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

1. That the Urban 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.