

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 280

Introduced by Agriculture Committee: DeKay, 40, Chairperson; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41; Raybould, 28; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Livestock Brand Act and the role and mission of the Nebraska Brand Committee.

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

(1) Comparing and describing similarities and differences between brand inspection services and mandates applied in Nebraska and those applied in other states, including identifying the entities responsible for brand inspections, comparing points in commerce where inspections are performed, and the costs for inspections;

(2) Gathering data, literature, and other information about whether the Livestock Brand Act is cost-effective, essential, valued, and has a continued commercial utility to all segments of the cattle industry;

(3) Determining whether the Livestock Brand Act imposes unnecessary or inequitable costs or burdens and how revisions could eliminate or mitigate those costs or burdens;

(4) Examining the long-term fiscal stability of the Nebraska Brand Committee;

(5) Examining the progress and obstacles to implementing e-inspections;

(6) Determining whether the Nebraska Brand Committee's mission should expand to provide other livestock identification services;

(7) Consulting with various stakeholders and interested parties; and

(8) Examining issues that arise during the study relating to the Livestock Brand Act or the Nebraska Brand Committee.

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