

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 346

Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review landlord-tenant law to determine whether legislative reforms can be enacted to further protect and empower victims and survivors of domestic or sexual violence and their dependents.

Laws 2021, LB320, provided rental protections for tenants who are experiencing domestic or sexual violence. The legislation expanded protections from eviction for survivors of domestic or sexual violence and facilitated the ability for a survivor to terminate a lease early if the survivor needs to move away from an abuser or because the abuser is no longer contributing to rent. The study shall evaluate additional reforms to landlord-tenant law which shall include, but need not be not limited to:

(1) Extending protection for survivors of domestic or sexual violence to apply to notices to tenants for noncompliance pursuant to subsection (1) of section 76-1431;

(2) Providing additional legislative directives to qualified third parties that certify domestic violence activities under subdivision (5)(a)(iii) of section 76-1431;

(3) Providing additional legislative directives to the entities authorized to certify domestic violence activities under section 76-1431 and considering whether the Nebraska Supreme Court or Administrative Office of the Courts could provide a list of such entities; and

(4) Any other possible reforms.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.