

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 255

Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the concept of moving surface water-only irrigated acres to ground water acres to help compliance with compacts, agreements, and decrees and to examine potential ways to meet contract payments and management expenses for irrigation districts, public power and irrigation districts, and mutual irrigation and canal companies. The study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying the number of surface water-only acres in Nebraska, reviewing potential pathways to transition the moving of surface water-only acres to ground water acres throughout the state, reviewing the potential positive and negative consequences of such a water policy in Nebraska, and examining ways to replace funds needed to meet contract payments and management expenses of irrigation districts, public power and irrigation districts, and mutual irrigation and canal companies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD 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.