

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 558

Introduced by Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study ways the state and municipalities can encourage the development of community gardens, including providing spaces for gardening on public lands, ensuring the existence of consistent funding sources, and simplifying bureaucratic requirements. Community gardens can provide readily available sources of fresh, healthy foods to communities that may lack easy access to affordable sources of fruits and vegetables. Community gardens also can serve as an important outdoor exercise and recreation opportunity for citizens and can create more welcoming and attractive neighborhoods.

The study will examine best practices and programs for encouraging community gardens from other states and how those states utilize their programs.

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