

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 380

Introduced by Dw. Pedersen, 39

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study parole issues, including, but not limited to, consideration of correctional programs, community programs, decisionmaking by the Board of Parole, administrative performance of the Office of Parole Administration, and the role of the Board of Parole in the pardon process. Some of the areas to be considered are:

(1) The adequacy of preparation for release by the Department of Correctional Services in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, education, and job skills;

(2) A survey of community programs that are available and/or needed to address the needs of community custody inmates, parolees, and inmates who have completed their incarceration;

(3) A review of the decisionmaking processes of the Board of Parole, including a review of the numbers of inmates paroled, the criminal histories of the inmates paroled, and the length of parole;

(4) A review of the administrative performance of the Office of Parole Administration, including the case loads of parole officers, the statewide distribution of parole administration staff, and the budget of the Office of Parole Administration;

(5) The pardon process with particular attention devoted

to the question of the recommendations from the Board of Parole to the Board of Pardons regarding commutation of sentences; and

(6) Review of the use of medical or hardship parole in the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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. The committee shall utilize the energies and expertise of legislative staff, Department of Correctional Services staff, the Board of Parole and the Office of Parole Administration, any community resources, and other interested parties. This study shall be completed before December 31, 2006.

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.