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Committee:

PURPOSE: The illegal production of methamphetamine in so-called meth labs results in conditions that are hazardous and very dangerous to the public health. Such environmental and health hazards in residential property may be unknown and undetected by subsequent residents and exposes such residents, and especially children, to dangerous health conditions. Correct and thorough meth lab cleanup is essential to protect our citizens from the environmental and health hazards of meth labs. The purpose of this study is to investigate and provide recommendations to address the public health hazards created by meth labs. The study shall include but shall not be limited to: Meth lab cleanup and testing procedures and costs; acceptable levels of individual chemicals remaining after cleanup of meth labs; the role of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Health and Human Services System, the Nebraska State Patrol, local health departments, building and safety departments, law enforcement, property owners, and private companies that clean up contaminated sites such as meth labs and former meth labs; coordination and collaboration of governmental

agencies in cleanup of meth labs; the legal authority and liability of governmental agencies to "red tag" or quarantine and monitor property; the responsibility and liability of property owners to provide safe environment after the presence or cleanup of a meth lab; and the assessment of current state and local hazardous waste and health-based policies, procedures, and standards relating to meth lab cleanup in this and other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.