

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 150

Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee; Friend, 10; Janssen, 15;
Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26; Rogert, 16; White, 8;

PURPOSE: In the course of its consideration of LB 607 (which proposed to provide a requirement for full-time, paid fire personnel in certain cities of the first class), the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature learned of the wide variety of arrangements available by statute to first class cities for providing fire protection and emergency response services, including combinations of career and volunteer staffing for those functions.

This study would review the manner in which Nebraska's first class cities provide fire protection and emergency response services. It would focus not only on staffing but also on finance and cost strategies and the mechanisms employed for managing, developing, and administering capital and human assets devoted to such services. The study would attempt to determine the effectiveness of the various mechanisms for providing the services, their efficiency, and public satisfaction with the services provided. To the maximum extent feasible, the committee's study will use existing studies or industry standards to support its conclusions.

The study will seek to engage the opinions and assistance

of municipal government representatives and active members of fire department and emergency response agencies in those municipalities.

At its conclusion, the committee will undertake to propose legislation to reform or enhance current statutory authority for fire protection and emergency response services and recommend changes to current law based upon the data developed in the course of the study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.