

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 219

Introduced by Judiciary Committee; Ashford, 20; Lathrop, 12; McDonald, 41; Pedersen, 39; Pirsch, 4; Christensen, 44; Engel, 17

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to:

(1) Study the history of stem cell research, human reproductive cloning, and human therapeutic cloning, including the available sources of human stem cells, research involving embryonic and nonembryonic human stem cells, and the methods and techniques used to obtain both embryonic and nonembryonic stem cells;

(2) Research the terminology utilized to describe the various techniques and technologies involved in stem cell research, human reproductive cloning, and human therapeutic cloning so that a common understanding can be established;

(3) Identify and analyze the arguments for and against stem cell research, human reproductive cloning, and human therapeutic cloning, including the techniques utilized to obtain stem cells for research and the use of tax dollars to fund such research; and

(4) To review past and present legislation involving stem cell research, human reproductive cloning, and human therapeutic cloning and efforts to study the ethical issues involved in stem cell research, human reproductive cloning, and human therapeutic cloning at both the state and national levels.

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

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.