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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 296

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PURPOSE: To study the impact on Nebraska's current military installations and missions of a future Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission. The United States Department of Defense routinely examines existing military installations and missions overseas and in the United States to seek ways to increase military efficiency. Once an installation or mission is placed on the commission's list for closure or realignment, it is extremely difficult to have it removed from the list.

The BRAC process may be beneficial to a community by receiving either newly created missions or existing missions from another base. Whether a base gains or loses missions often depends on the determination of the United States Department of Defense as to the base's current and potential value. Nebraska is currently vulnerable to the BRAC process, and losing an installation or mission would likely prove detrimental to the local economy. In order to examine the impact on Nebraska, this interim study shall include the formation of a BRAC Task Force to be established by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature. The issues to be studied by the BRAC Task Force shall include, but not be limited to, (1) identifying the military

installations and missions in Nebraska most vulnerable to the Base Realignment and Closure process, (2) identifying the military installations and missions in Nebraska most likely to benefit from the BRAC process, and (3) reviewing the actions taken by other states to protect their military installations and missions. The task force shall make recommendations as to what actions, if any, Nebraska should take to protect its military installations and missions and recommendations as to what actions, if any, Nebraska should take to increase the likelihood of benefiting from future base realignment and closure processes. The task force shall issue a written report with the recommendations to the committee.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans 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.