

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 400

Introduced by Agriculture Committee Erdman, 47, Chairperson;
Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Karpisek, 32; McDonald, 41;
Preister, 5; Wallman, 30.

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this resolution to monitor activity and examine issues relating to the implementation of the legislative intent stated in subsection (4) of section 2-101 as amended by Legislative Bill 1116, One Hundredth Legislature, Second Session, 2008. LB 1116 states legislative intent that the Nebraska State Fair relocate to Fonner Park in Grand Island before the fair to be held in 2010 and that the Nebraska State Fairgrounds be transferred to the University of Nebraska for development as a research and innovation campus. LB 1116 reflects and acknowledges the agreement of pertinent parties for the Nebraska State Fair Board's use of Fonner Park, a plan of capital improvements to upgrade the Fonner Park facility to serve as a state fair exhibition facility, and funding contributions by the University of Nebraska, the city of Grand Island, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and the State of Nebraska. It is a goal of this study to monitor, report on, or make recommendations relating to, but not necessarily limited to:

(1) The performance of financial commitments of the University of Nebraska, the city of Grand Island, and the Nebraska State Fair Board, including incremental benchmarks of funding

contributions;

(2) The resolution of any property issues pertaining to interests of third parties held through long-term leasing arrangements and capital improvements made by such entities upon the Nebraska State Fairgrounds;

(3) The future of live and simulcast racing currently conducted at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds and the potential for live racing to be relocated to another site;

(4) The cooperation and coordination between the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and other appropriate entities to perform activities of due diligence associated with the property transfer contemplated by LB 1116;

(5) The completion and execution of those agreements between and among the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, and any other appropriate entities regarding site governance, revenue sharing, and facility utilization;

(6) The completion and execution of a site plan for capital improvements and activities for carrying out such plan of improvements, including the utilization of funds available in the Nebraska State Fair Relocation Cash Fund and the Nebraska State Fair Support and Improvement Cash Fund;

(7) Additional statutory revisions necessitated by or to accommodate the relocation of the Nebraska State Fair; and

(8) Planning and vision for the Nebraska State Fair.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature

shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the chairperson of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature, in consultation with the members of the committee and other members of the Legislature, shall conduct the study contemplated by this resolution in consultation with the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, the city of Grand Island, the city of Lincoln, the Department of Administrative Services, the State Racing Commission, and other appropriate public and private organizations in carrying out the purposes of the study.