

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 272

Introduced by Fulton, 29.

PURPOSE: Each year the Legislature passes new or enhanced criminal penalties for certain acts by criminals. With each of these new or enhanced criminal acts, there comes a new or different procedure that Nebraska's counties must perform. With many of these new or different procedures, there are additional costs.

The purpose of this resolution is:

(1) To study the fiscal impact that the criminal law has on counties, especially new criminal offenses and procedures;

(2) To study whether the criminal law is effectively addressing the problems it is trying to solve; and

(3) To study the feasibility of creating a cost-benefit analysis that could be performed prior to the enactment of new criminal statutes or enhanced criminal procedures.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.