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PURPOSE: To study the powers and duties of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The adequacy and timeliness of NEMA responses to local and regional emergency disasters as experienced during floods in 2011, wildfires in 2012, and recent hazardous material incidents;

(2) Assessment of the Adjutant General's \$10,000 spending authority limit established in section 81-829.42;

(3) Policies and procedures used by NEMA to educate and train staff at local agencies concerning protocols to be used during emergencies;

(4) Improvement of communications among and between participants during emergency mutual aid events;

(5) The creation of Nebraska-based incident management teams to respond throughout the state and to serve as comprehensive resources to augment and help with natural and man-made emergencies;

(6) The potential benefits of Nebraska joining the states of Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming in the Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact.

(7) The benefits of identifying and funding a state agency, department, or division with jurisdiction over wildfire management and suppression.

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