

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 584

Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the possibility of providing direct and statewide funding for legal representation in order to provide more equitable access to civil justice in Nebraska. The study shall include the following:

(1) A review of the current funding streams for the Legal Aid and Services Fund and an examination of the practical reasons and policies behind the funding trends within the Legal Aid and Services Fund;

(2) An examination of additional methods for funding access to legal representation, including, but not limited to, fees for alternative dispute resolution, better tracking of alternative dispute resolution proceedings, direct annual appropriations, and increasing court fees;

(3) A comparison of Nebraska's court fees and funding options with those of other states; and

(4) An examination of any relevant factors that could improve equitable access to civil justice and legal representation in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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.