PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the tools, mechanisms, and funding sources available to municipalities to provide for the condemnation or demolition of vacant and abandoned buildings. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the costs for municipalities to condemn or demolish vacant and abandoned buildings;

(2) A review of the current tools and mechanisms available to municipalities to provide for the condemnation of buildings within their corporate limits;

(3) A review of tools and mechanisms previously available to provide for the condemnation of buildings within municipalities, including the condemnation authority of the State Fire Marshal; and

(4) A review of potential funding sources available to municipalities to pay the costs of demolition of vacant and abandoned buildings.

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

1. That the Urban 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.