Introduceed by Quick, 35; Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: Tourism generates more revenue than all but two other industries in Nebraska, making the quality of sites that attract tourists important to this state's economy. The purpose of this resolution is to study the need for restoration, development, and capital improvement of sites that attract tourists to and within Nebraska, as well as potential sources of funding, including state and local resources, for such restoration and development. All reasonable sources of possible funding should be explored, including the potential for creation of tourism improvement districts. This study should also consider what legislation might be necessary and prudent to enable the creation of such districts and other funding sources.

In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the study committee shall consider the input of interested persons, including the tourism industry and the Nebraska Tourism Commission, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.