Introduction by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of developing a process for the preparation and consideration of racial impact statements. The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The definition or understanding of the term racial impact statement;

(2) Whether the use of racial impact statements should be limited to a particular category of legislation or whether such statements should be considered for all legislation;

(3) The agency, division, or department that should be tasked with the creation of racial impact statements;

(4) The effect that a racial impact statement may have on legislation and the legislative process;

(5) The fiscal impact that the use of racial impact statements may have; and

(6) The processes and mechanisms used by other states for preparing, creating, and considering racial impact statements.

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

1. That a select interim committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The select interim committee shall be composed of the members of the Rules Committee of the Legislature.

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.