

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 231

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether electrician licensing requirements and building regulations need to be changed to support economic development.

Recent economic development projects have exposed Nebraska's shortage of electricians and recent flooding has put further strain on Nebraska's construction workforce.

Meanwhile, Nebraskans are clamoring for property tax reform. Growing Nebraska is an essential component to providing meaningful property tax relief. Nebraska must ensure that regulations remain up-to-date with industry needs and technological advances, and that unnecessary regulations are removed to allow for economic development and state growth while maintaining important safety regulations.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to an examination of the following:

(1) Strategies to entice more people into construction fields to ensure Nebraska's ability to continue growing through economic development projects;

(2) A comparison of Nebraska's electrician licensing requirements and building codes with those of similarly situated states;

(3) Whether Nebraska's electrician licensing requirements and building regulations account for changes in electrical construction technology and building techniques;

(4) Whether electrician licensing requirements and building regulations could be better tailored to account for large-scale projects; and

(5) Strategies to update Nebraska's electrician licensing requirements and building regulations to remove obstacles to economic development while

maintaining a safe working environment.

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

1. That the General 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.