PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the historical practice known as redlining within Nebraska municipalities. Redlining is the discriminatory practice whereby banks, mortgage lenders, realtors, and other private entities restrict services to certain areas of a community, often because of the racial characteristics of an applicant's neighborhood. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The negative impacts of redlining on racial and socioeconomic segregation within municipalities;

(2) The legal underpinnings of redlining, including the role of federal, state, and local governments in promoting the practice of redlining; and

(3) Potential policy solutions to reverse the negative impacts of redlining.

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