

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 239**

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the feasibility and potential benefits of requiring wireless interconnected fire alarms in residential dwellings, similar to an ordinance passed by the city of Norfolk, to enhance fire safety and early warning systems for residents.

(1) The study should include, but need not be limited to, collaboration with the following entities:

- (a) The office of the State Fire Marshal;
- (b) Local fire departments and fire safety organizations;
- (c) Homeowners and tenants;
- (d) Landlords and property management organizations;
- (e) Building code enforcement agencies;
- (f) Manufacturers of wireless interconnected fire alarms; and
- (g) Other subject matter experts in fire safety and related issues.

(2) The study should also include, but need not be limited to, an exploration of the following:

(a) The effectiveness of wireless interconnected fire alarms in enhancing fire safety and early warning systems for residential dwellings;

(b) The cost and ease of installation for wireless interconnected fire alarms compared to traditional smoke alarms;

(c) The potential impact of such a requirement on property owners, landlords, and tenants;

(d) Best practices and guidelines for the installation and maintenance of wireless interconnected fire alarms;

(e) The potential legal and regulatory implications of amending the Carbon

Monoxide Safety Act to require wireless interconnected fire alarms; and

(f) Recommendations for potential updates or amendments to the Carbon Monoxide Safety Act to require wireless interconnected fire alarms in residential dwellings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH 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.