

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 165

Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the concentration and impact of nonprofit organizations in historically marginalized communities, specifically North and South Omaha. This study will explore how the development of a nonprofit industrial complex, a system in which nonprofit organizations operate in ways that often maintain existing power structures and rely heavily on philanthropic or government funding, may be hindering sustainable economic growth and upward mobility for residents of historically marginalized communities. The study shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) The geographic density and types of nonprofit organizations operating in North and South Omaha;

(2) The role of nonprofit organizations in shaping local economies, employment pipelines, and community development efforts;

(3) The extent to which nonprofit organization programming aligns with the expressed needs of residents and how outcomes are measured;

(4) Whether nonprofit organizations are displacing or duplicating the roles of local businesses, grassroots organizations, or public institutions;

(5) The funding landscape, including public and philanthropic investments, and the accountability and transparency measures tied to such funding;

(6) The governance structure of major nonprofit organizations, including levels of community representation on boards and in executive leadership; and

(7) How the nonprofit industrial complex may perpetuate dependency, dilute authentic community leadership, and inhibit long-term systemic change.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee may confer with residents, business owners, community leaders, and public agencies on

whether the current nonprofit landscape fosters or hinders trust, prosperity, and opportunity within these neighborhoods.

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