

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 239

Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the status and impact of food access in urban qualified census tracts, with a focus on access to fresh, nutritious food.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Evaluating various ways to improve fresh food access in urban qualified census tracts;

(2) Mapping and reviewing supply ecosystems;

(3) Evaluating the potential role of mobile markets, food hubs, local farmers, co-ops, and community-supported agriculture in strengthening food systems;

(4) Quantifying the impact of food access on public health, educational outcomes, and workforce participation, particularly among children, seniors, and low-income families in urban qualified census tracts;

(5) Reviewing successful program models in other states; and

(6) Identifying potential policy recommendations and opportunities.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with state and local agencies, food producers, grocers, food banks, public health officials, community organizations, impacted individuals, and other partners to determine effective policy responses to address improving food access across Nebraska.

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.