

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 244**

Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the state of housing for individuals returning home from incarceration in Omaha. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Analyzing Nebraska laws, local zoning ordinances, and housing policies that affect housing for formerly incarcerated individuals;

(2) Reviewing rental practices, parole-related restrictions, family reunification, and housing provider screening procedures that affect people with criminal histories;

(3) Assessing the availability and effectiveness of transitional, permanent, supportive, and affordable housing options in Omaha;

(4) Reviewing of successful housing models and integration into reentry programs from other states and municipalities; and

(5) Evaluating the impact of housing on recidivism, crime rates, and reintegration for returning citizens.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with community leaders, reentry support organizations, housing experts, housing providers, parole officers, public safety officials, system-impacted people, property managers, landlords, state and local agencies, and other relevant partners to determine how to best align Nebraska policy with best practices.

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.