

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 258

Introduced by Armendariz, 18; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine a philanthropic endowment and location to host a week-long camp for children nine to twelve years of age who live in low-income urban areas in order to give them an opportunity to experience and learn about agriculture and agriculture careers to potentially address workforce issues in rural areas.

The study shall focus on, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Assessing the educational, workforce, and social benefits of exposing urban youth to agriculture through camp programs;

(2) Identifying successful models of or partnerships with universities, non-profits, or local farms and ranches in Nebraska or other states;

(3) Evaluating options for curriculum development, accessibility, cultural inclusivity, and program delivery;

(4) Determining potential funding sources, including state support, federal grants, or private sector contributions; and

(5) Considering pilot program implementation in urban centers such as Omaha, Lincoln, or Grand Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture 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.