

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 415

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine current practices under Nebraska law related to the designation of real property as blighted and substandard. The study will evaluate ways to ensure that affected neighborhood associations are notified and consulted before any such designation is finalized.

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

(1) A review of the statutes and administrative procedures governing the identification and declaration of blighted and substandard properties within municipalities in Nebraska;

(2) An examination of the role of neighborhood associations in maintaining and improving the quality of life within their communities;

(3) An evaluation of the existing mechanisms for public notice and participation in the blighted and substandard designation process;

(4) The development of recommendations for requiring municipal authorities to notify and engage with neighborhood associations prior to declaring a parcel within their association as blighted or substandard; and

(5) The identification of best practices from other states or municipalities regarding early engagement of neighborhood organizations in blight-related decisions.

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