

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 86

Introduced by Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify and examine the state of affordable and accessible housing in Nebraska and what public policies or resources are needed so that Nebraskans with disabilities can actualize the right to community living set forth in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999). The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead* affirmed the right of people with disabilities, when appropriate and desired, to live in the community and not kept isolated in institutions. Access to affordable, decent, safe, integrated, and accessible housing is critical. The Legislature recognized the importance of its obligations set forth in the *Olmstead* decision and created statutory authority under section 81-6,122 to form an *Olmstead* Committee to develop a plan to meet Nebraska's *Olmstead* commitments.

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

(1) The nature, characteristics, and importance of accessibility as it relates to housing;

(2) The current stock of affordable housing and the extent to which this stock is accessible for people with disabilities;

(3) Existing affordable housing programs and resources in Nebraska, including programs and resources to assist with home modifications designed to increase accessibility for people with disabilities;

(4) Prospective programs, policies, and resources that could be utilized or leveraged to increase accessible and affordable housing for people with disabilities;

(5) A comparison of costs for people with disabilities to live in institutional settings and costs to live within their community, including home

modification costs and the provision of community-based services; and

(6) The long-term effects and costs when an individual is injured in such individual's home.

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.