

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 130

Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the potential construction of the proposed East Beltway administered jointly by the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County and analyze various potential policies to incentivize the completion of the East Beltway.

(1) The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(a) A completed economic analysis detailing the financial impact of the East Beltway to the State of Nebraska;

(b) A review of potential policy or statutory changes that would help incentivize the creation of the East Beltway;

(c) An examination of any federal assistance that could assist in the financing of the East Beltway; and

(d) A review of any other information deemed important for purposes of the study by the committee.

(2) In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall seek the input of:

(a) The Nebraska Department of Transportation, preferably its director or in the alternative another designee;

(b) Elected officials representing areas that will be impacted by the creation of the East Beltway;

(c) The City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Department, preferably its director or in the alternative another designee;

(d) The office of the Lancaster County Engineer, preferably the County Engineer or in the alternative another designee;

(e) The Nebraska congressional delegation to provide input on financing opportunities;

(f) The Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, local chambers of commerce, and other business organizations;

(g) Statewide associations of contractors, engineers, and engineering firms; and

(h) Any other interested parties.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.