

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 219

Introduced by Hansen, 26; Krist, 10; Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the effectiveness of section 29-901 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, which relates to the imposition of bail, and section 29-2206, which relates to the imposition of fines, fees, and court costs. The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) How the current statutory scheme functions;
- (2) Current usage of bail as well as the imposition of fines, fees, and court costs;
- (3) How these financial costs impact low-income Nebraskans;
- (4) How these financial costs impact the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges;
- (5) How the collection of fines, fees, and court costs from non-indigent Nebraskans is currently performed;
- (6) Examining improvements or changes that would permit indigent Nebraskans to avoid unnecessary and costly county jail stays; and
- (7) A review of Nebraska statutes to determine changes needed to reform bail and the imposition of fines, fees, and court costs.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.