

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 509**

Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the funding history, programs, and services offered by the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska. The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 established a system of cooperative extension services connected to land-grant universities in order to inform citizens about current developments in agriculture, home economics, public policy and government, leadership, 4-H activities, and economic development. Extension services are found throughout Nebraska in 83 county or multi-county offices that serve all 93 counties, and at four Research and Extension Centers across the state.

This study shall examine the following:

- (1) The funding history of extension services in Nebraska, including federal, state, and county contributions;
- (2) A history of programs and services offered;
- (3) A history of funding for such programs and services;
- (4) The number of staff employed by the Cooperative Extensive Service by area or location; and
- (5) A history of the funding of, and the programs and services offered by, the Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.