

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 534

Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding patent assertion entities, commonly referred to as "patent trolls." This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) How the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act and other state consumer protection statutes could be utilized to regulate patent trolls;

(2) Efforts in other states to utilize existing consumer protection statutes to regulate patent trolls; and

(3) Federal efforts to regulate patent trolls, including granting states the express authority to regulate patent trolls through state consumer protection statutes.

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