

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 563

Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine vertical coordination in the pork industry, including the methods by which vertical coordination between the producing and processing sectors occurs, economic factors that contribute to vertical coordination, and the prevalence of the use of forward marketing commitments by producers via production or marketing contracts. The study shall compare swine marketing characteristics between Nebraska and surrounding states, and nationally, and identify trends in pork production characteristics in Nebraska and nationally. The study shall seek to determine sourcing of slaughter swine by Nebraska processors and whether restrictions on packer ownership of livestock under the Competitive Livestock Markets Act have implications for the continued competitiveness of packing operations in Nebraska and continued investment in packing facilities in the state.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.