

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 597

Introduced by Christensen, 44; Carlson, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study methods by which to find balance between water resources and water uses in areas under interstate compacts, cooperative agreements, or decrees in order to not force a disproportionate burden on either surface water or ground water to meet compliance for such interstate compacts, agreements, or decrees.

This study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of retirement of ground water or surface water acres, ground water and surface water dry year leases, ground water augmentation projects for surface water irrigation, rule changes by natural resources districts, ground water and surface water allocation reductions, increased flexibility to move water rights and allocations, model changes by the Department of Natural Resources, and increased occupation tax authority or state assistance.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.