

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 113

Introduced by Schimek, 27;

PURPOSE: To examine the issues relating to urban storm water runoff, especially the compliance of political subdivisions with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System under the federal Clean Water Act.

The following Nebraska political subdivisions are required by the Department of Environmental Quality to comply with the federal Clean Water Act and are mandated to expend money to develop and implement storm water programs and projects: Omaha, Lincoln, Bellevue, Boys Town, La Vista, Papillion, Ralston, South Sioux City, Dakota City, Scottsbluff, North Platte, Lexington, Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings, Columbus, Norfolk, Fremont, Beatrice, Douglas County, Sarpy County, Lancaster County, and Dakota County.

The cost to Nebraska's political subdivisions to comply with the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act, as it relates to storm water management, currently exceeds \$24 million annually and does not include the cost of other storm water issues which drive these costs even higher.

This study will address the following issues:

(1) The need for state-enabling authority for political subdivisions subject to storm water requirements under the federal

Clean Water Act; and

(2) The need to establish local storm water utilities as an optional funding source to pay for the cost of development, establishment, and implementation of storm water management programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.